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“Profiles of Poverty” Sheds Light on Georgia’s Poverty Epidemic

ATLANTA – For 1.8 million Georgians, poverty is a daily reality, with basic necessities like food and shelter far from guaranteed.

To bring greater awareness of this problem, in August of 2014, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia (SVdP) and Georgia Power launched “Profiles of Poverty,” a photo exhibit that chronicles the one in five Georgians living in poverty. This year SVdP is excited to be partnering with Step Up Savannah and sharing the diverse, and often unexpected, examples of poverty in the community, while at the same time offering hope for the future.

The exhibit features photos from the state’s most talented photojournalists, including John Glenn, David Tulis, Joeff Davis, Stephen Morton, Chris Hunt and Tim Redman. The exhibit will also feature art work created in and inspired by the Savannah community. The organizations will be accepting submissions for the gallery until November 30th.

“We’re thrilled to bring Profiles of Poverty to Savannah, which demonstrates the magnitude of poverty in Georgia and the necessity of our programs serving those in need,” said John Berry, CEO and executive director of SVdP. “We hope the exhibit will inspire others to join us in breaking the cycle of poverty.”

Despite the seriousness of the subject matter, the exhibit captures the indomitable spirit of many in tough situations, as well as their moments of hope and despair.

“We are overjoyed to be partnering with SVdP and sharing the Profiles of Poverty in our community,” said Suzanne Donovan, Executive Director of Step Up Savannah. “We have hopes of shedding light on the hardships people are facing day-to-day and emphasizing the demand for change throughout the state of Georgia.”

The 50-photo gallery will be open to the public for the duration of January. In the concluding week of the exhibit, there will be a reception and panel discussion of poverty in the region with local experts and community leaders.

Celebrating over 100 years of service, SVdP is a nonprofit committed to fighting poverty in Georgia. Last year, the organization served 155,000 Georgians, providing vital programs to feed, shelter, clothe and educate the poor.

For more information about the Profiles of Poverty or SVdP Georgia, visit svdpgeorgia.org or contact 678-892-6172.

About St. Vincent de Paul Georgia: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia empowers people, regardless of their background, ethnicity, or faith, to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by offering financial, material, educational, and spiritual support and by collaborating with others to develop and deliver programs and services that help those in need.

About Step Up Savannah: Step Up Savannah, Inc. engages all sectors of the community to improve the economic mobility and financial stability of families in Savannah, Chatham County. The organization acts as a convener, attracts outside resources, adapts and creates effective programs and products, trains neighborhood and nonprofit leaders, and advocates for policies that will improve the lives of low-income families.

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