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St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Expands Client Choice Food Pantry with Kroger's Support of Capital Campaign

ATLANTA (March 29, 2019) — St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, a nonprofit agency dedicated to preventing homelessness, fighting hunger and changing lives, will have a new name on their soon-to-be renovated community food pantry -- The Kroger SVdP Client Choice Food Pantry.

The new name coincides with Kroger's recent gift of \$150,000 to St. Vincent de Paul Georgia's \$6.5 million capital campaign, "Hope Transformed."

This gift will support the expansion of St. Vincent de Paul's current community food pantry in Chamblee, by almost doubling it in size to 4,000 square feet and increasing the availability of fresh produce and healthy food by 65 percent. The new pantry will also feature additional shelves for dry goods, built-in freezers and refrigerators – designed to feel like a true "supermarket" experience for economically disadvantaged families.

Since 2010, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia has partnered with Kroger and the Atlanta Community Food Bank through Kroger's "Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Food Rescue Program." This partnership allows St. Vincent de Paul Georgia to collect meat, produce, and non-perishable food items from 38 Atlanta Division Kroger grocery stores twice each week, ultimately distributing 700,000 pounds of food annually to those in need. This distribution equates to more than 580,000 meals for those experiencing food insecurity.

"We are extremely grateful for the support of Kroger," says John Berry, Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. "This historical donation will allow us to continue our efforts of delivering a dignified shopping experience to a greater number of people in need. The number of our neighbors who need help with day-to-day nourishment continues to increase and we applaud Kroger's commitment and generosity to help us further serve our community's needs."

In addition to expanding and renaming its food pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia's \$6.5 million "Hope Transformed" capital campaign will also create a connected classroom to provide training for a statewide network of volunteers; improve the family support center to include private meeting rooms; expand its jobs center; and establish a community pharmacy to provide clients with free medicine for chronic illnesses, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis.

For more information or to donate, please visit www.svdpgorgia.org/hope-transformed.

ABOUT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GEORGIA

Respecting the dignity of each person, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia brings hope and help to those in need so they may achieve stability and move toward self-sufficiency. Through partnerships and collaboration with others, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia offers financial, material, educational and spiritual support to develop and deliver programs and services to those in need throughout the state.

ABOUT KROGER

The Kroger Co. is dedicated to its purpose: to Feed the Human Spirit™. The Company focuses its charitable efforts on hunger relief, K-12 education, women's health initiatives and local organizations in the communities it serves. Kroger's Atlanta Division is headquartered in Atlanta and is one of the Southeast's largest retail grocery chains with more than 183 stores, covering Georgia, Eastern Alabama and South Carolina.

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