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St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Names New Housing Director
Demonstrating commitment to affordable and sustainable housing

Atlanta, GA (September 14, 2022) – St. Vincent de Paul Georgia announces Mariel Risner Sivley as Director of Housing of the nearly 120-year-old institution, effective September 12, 2022. Risner Sivley joins St. Vincent de Paul Georgia with extensive non-profit housing experience, most recently serving as the Executive Director of the Georgia Supportive Housing Association (GSHA), a nonprofit organization that advances the creation and preservation of quality supportive housing in Georgia. Risner Sivley is no stranger in Atlanta’s non-profit community having given time, talent, and support to numerous causes. She started her career as an attorney with the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless and was the co-recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Atlanta Bar Association in 2012. She has served as the volunteer coordinator for the Atlanta Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and as an Adjunct Professor for the Externship Program in the area of Public Interest Law at Emory University School of Law. A graduate of Emory University and the Georgia State University College of Law, she has presented on homelessness and housing topics at several events, including those hosted by Georgians for a Healthy Future, National Association of Women Judges, and NAMI Georgia. She helped develop a supportive housing development guidebook and training, and under her helm, GSHA was awarded the Freedom Righter Award from Metro Fair Housing in 2021.

“Ensuring access to housing and supportive services that allow those who are less fortunate to thrive has always been a major focus of my work. I have been lucky enough to work on behalf of missions that understand the needs of the communities they serve, and I enjoy seeking solutions addressing the most significant challenges collaboratively for the good of our community.” said incoming Housing Director, Mariel Risner Sivley. “St. Vincent de Paul Georgia is known for its innovative and collaborative approach to homelessness and housing as evidenced in their Motel-to-Home program.”

“We’re thankful that Mariel has agreed to be an important member of our leadership team to help guide us in this area and to do what she has done so well for almost two decades,” said Pat McNulty, Chief Executive Officer St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. “She is well thought of in the housing community and her knowledge will be invaluable to our team. This announcement is a key addition to our assemblage of the right leaders to innovate and elevate the development, implementation, and management our comprehensive housing, hunger and health strategies.”

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About St. Vincent de Paul Georgia

With a mission to provide help and hope to neighbors in need, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia has been serving individuals, families and communities across the state since 1903, stabilizing those in crisis and creating paths to self-sufficiency through a focus on Hunger, Housing and Health. St. Vincent de Paul Georgia is one of the oldest, largest and most trusted state-wide social services safety net organizations in Georgia. For more information or to get involved, visit www.svdpgorgia.org.