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St. Vincent de Paul CARES Receives \$5 Million Bezos Day 1 Families Fund Grant to End Homelessness
Day 1 Families Fund grants \$105.9 million to 42 nonprofits helping families gain housing support and stability

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – (December 10, 2020): St. Vincent de Paul CARES, a nonprofit organization committed to ending homelessness, today announced that it has been selected to receive a \$5 million grant from the Day 1 Families Fund. Launched in 2018 by Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos, the Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to organizations and civic groups doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of young families.

“St. Vincent de Paul CARES has been working to make a dent in family homelessness in the Tampa Bay area for the past eight years,” said Michael Raposa, CEO of St. Vincent de Paul CARES. “While we have achieved great success with each individual household, the number of people in need has been simply daunting. This amazing gift from the Day 1 Families Fund will make our dream of no child left outside a reality for hundreds.”

This one-time grant, awarded to organizations doing meaningful work to connect families with shelter and support, will be used by St. Vincent de Paul CARES to support a new program, No Child Left Outside. Over two years, this program will target 400 families facing homelessness in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties — including estimated 1,000 children —and rapidly rehouse them into stable and permanent housing.

St. Vincent de Paul CARES is one of 42 nonprofits across the U.S. to receive the third annual Day 1 Families Fund grants, as part of a continuing commitment by the Day 1 Families Fund to help end homelessness for families. The Day 1 Families Fund issued a total of \$105.9 million in grants this year. To select these organizations, the fund worked with an advisory board of homelessness advocates and leaders whose expertise spans housing justice, racial equity, direct services, homelessness policy, equity for Native American communities and anti-poverty work. This year, the grant recipients from around the country include: Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness; The Cathedral Center, Inc.; Catholic Charities of Acadiana; Coalition for Homelessness Intervention & Prevention; Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida; Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc.; Congreso de Latinos Unidos; Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio; Denver Indian Family Resource Center; East Los Angeles Women’s Center; East Oakland Community Project; Facing Forward to End Homelessness; Families Together; Family Life Center; Friendship Place; HELP of Southern Nevada; The Homeless Families Foundation; Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System; HOPE Atlanta; House of Ruth; Housing Matters; Housing Up; Kahumana; MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership, Inc.; Metro Denver Homeless Initiative; MUST Ministries; The National Center for Children and Families; Native American Youth and Family Center; North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness; One80 Place; Poverello House; Rainbow Services; Refugee Women's Alliance; Safe Haven Family Shelter; Samaritan House; Solid Ground; St. Vincent de Paul CARES; Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence; The Salvation Army Austin Area Command; Time for Change Foundation; United American Indian Involvement, Inc.; and WestCare California.

The Bezos Day One Fund was launched in 2018 with a commitment of \$2 billion and a focus on two areas: funding existing nonprofits that help homeless families, and creating a network of new, nonprofit tier-one preschools in low-income communities. The Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to organizations and civic groups doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of young families. The vision statement comes from the inspiring Mary's Place in Seattle: no child sleeps outside. For more information, visit www.BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1FamiliesFund.

About St. Vincent de Paul CARES

St. Vincent de Paul CARES is a nonprofit organization committed to ending homelessness: making it rare, brief and one-time. All SVdP CARES programs are built on the belief that everyone has the right to live in dignified and affordable housing. With "Housing First" principles at the core, SVdP CARES has a healthy disregard for all community-perceived barriers to housing including employment history, mental health, addiction, religious practices or criminal/credit background. SVdP CARES works to rapidly house those experiencing homelessness within 30 days and concurrently connect them to stabilization support services to assist their needs.