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ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA TO HOLD BLUEGRASS BALL ON APRIL 28

Event will raise funds to aid homeless families



Richmond, VA – St. Joseph's Villa has announced that it will hold its "Bluegrass Ball" at 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 28, on the Villa campus at 8000 Brook Road. The event will raise funds for the Villa's Flagler Home, which serves homeless children and their families.

The Bluegrass Ball is also the "18th Hoedown to Stomp Homelessness." . For the past 17 years, this event has been a much-anticipated occasion, bringing out over 300 individuals who want to help break the cycle of homelessness. International recording stars the Lonesome River Band have headlined each event and are returning again this year and will be opened by local favorite Cat Daddy. And, food will be provided by David Napier's award-winning White House Catering. More enhancements are being planned and will be announced closer to the event date.

Flagler Home was established in 1989 to provide homeless women and their children with housing through a period of stabilization, learning, and planning designed to help them leave homelessness and stay permanently housed. Since its beginning, Flagler Home has served more than 1,000 families whose lives have been marked by domestic violence, poverty, low educational attainment, and lack of job skills. The Flagler Home program provides a holistic approach to breaking the cycle of homelessness. Flagler Home has a proven success rate, with 85% remaining permanently housed six months later compared to a national standard of 61.5%. During The Bluegrass Ball, a current Flagler resident or one of the program's recent graduates will address the crowd and recount her experience.

Tickets to the Bluegrass Ball are available online at http://www.neverstopbelieving.org/news_bluegrass_ball
Tickets are priced at \$75.00 per person. Questions about the event may be directed to Anne Murray Hurt, Assistant Development Director at St. Joseph's Villa. Ms. Hurt's phone number is (804) 200-1617, and her email address is ahurt@sjvmail.net

St. Joseph's Villa

Established in Richmond in 1834, St. Joseph's Villa is metro-Richmond, Virginia's oldest and largest continuously-operating children's nonprofit organization. The Villa is located on a spacious 82-acre campus in Richmond/Henrico County and builds stronger children, families and communities. The Villa serves more than 500 children and families daily, through the delivery of day, after-school and residential programs that include: special and nontraditional education programs for at-risk youth; education and housing services for homeless children and their families; education and respite, summer and after-school care for children with autism and developmental disabilities; behavioral treatment programs for children and families; housing for adults with disabilities; and a child development center. The Villa is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation and is an approved Medicaid provider for many of its services.

St. Joseph's Villa admits clients of any race, color, gender, age, religion, disability or national origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accepted or made available to clients at St. Joseph's Villa. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, St. Joseph's Villa is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability and retaliation in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other agency-administered programs. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A. related activity should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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