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17th Annual Hoedown Raises \$38,000 for Flagler Home

Funds will support transitional housing program

Richmond, VA – St. Joseph's Villa announced today that the 17th Annual Hoedown has provided approximately \$38,000 in support of the Villa's Flagler Home, a transitional housing program which has helped more than 800 women and 1,500 children since its founding in 1989.

The Hoedown was held on the Villa campus on Saturday, May 7. The event was sponsored by SunTrust, which has sponsored the Hoedown for more than a decade. Additional sponsors include Page Auto Group, Bon Secours Health Systems, C.F. Sauer Company and Kjellstrom & Lee. The event featured music from the Lonesome River Band and food from David Napier's White House Catering, and Bill Bevins from Lite 98 served as event emcee. Approximately 300 people attended the event.

During the event, guests heard from Kimberly Tucker, Senior Director of the Villa's Family and Community Services, and Tamerra, one of the Flagler Home's residents who has completed the program and is about to transition from the home into the community with her children. "Flagler Home has helped me so much," Tamerra said in her comments to the crowd. "I am no longer in debt thanks to the staff at Flagler Home who helped me learn to budget."

"We are thrilled with the support we received for this year's event," said Kathleen Burke Barrett, CEO of St. Joseph's Villa. "Corporate sponsorships were strong, and many individual supporters stepped up and helped with the event. And, the rain held off so we could have a fun time!"

The Villa's Flagler Home provides support for mothers as they transition out of homelessness and into society. Women come to Flagler Home and acquire skills which allow them to better manage their household budgets and to get and keep a good job. A companion service, Flagler Community, provides similar services to families living in the community. The programs began in 1989, with the assistance of local philanthropist Lawrence Lewis and his wife, Janet Patton Lewis. Since then the programs have received generous support from the Flagler Foundation.

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.

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