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“Tee Off For Hope” Benefits Non-Profits Serving Those in Need
*Proceeds Support Programs and Services of Catholic Charities and
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

Atlanta, GA...”Tee Off For Hope” Golf Tournament Chairs, Michele Centeno (Catholic Charities Board Member) and Howard McKinley (Society of St. Vincent de Paul Board Member) along with Honorary Chair, former Coach and Athletic Director at UGA, Vince Dooley announced over \$69,000 was raised during the event on June 9th. All proceeds from “Tee Off for Hope” Golf Tournament will go directly to the programs and services of Catholic Charities Atlanta and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This first joint fundraising effort between the two agencies gives witness to their teamwork and collaboration in their mutual efforts to serve those most in need.

“Tee Off for Hope” Golf Tournament took place at Reynolds Landing at Lake Oconee in Greensboro, Georgia. Beautiful weather and the scenic setting on the shores of the lake added to a successful event. Special golfers included Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, Coach Vince Dooley and George O’Leary. The day culminated with a reception and awards dinner, followed by a live auction after the tournament. Major sponsors included St. Joseph’s Hospital, The Garrett Group, Business Consulting & Investigations, Inc., and Multiple Benefit Services.

About Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is the social service agency of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, who partners with the community to help people facing adversity to reach wholeness and self sufficiency regardless of their background or religion. Catholic Charities is among the state’s well-known, professional providers of services to families in crisis, support for pregnant women, open infant adoption, and assistance and education to immigrants and refugees. Over 1500 families were served through satellite offices; 879 families received help through our Emergency Assistance Program; 762 new Immigration cases were opened; 136 at-risk birthmothers received baby supplies; 669 families participated in the Christmas Connection program; more than 1100 individuals, couples or families received mental health counseling. The agency was a major provider in a statewide collaboration to serve thousands of Hurricane Katrina and Rita families who fled to Georgia, providing housing, counseling, and job placement services. For more information, visit www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org or call 404.881.6571.

About the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Atlanta provides financial, material, educational and spiritual support to those in need regardless of background or faith and collaborates with other organizations to empower people to achieve self-sufficiency. We are part of an international organization and have operated in North Georgia since 1903. Last year the Society helped more than 122,000 people in North Georgia with over \$4.7 million in financial assistance and over \$5.0 million in food and material support to those in need. The Society operates locally through its 68 conferences, each supported by a volunteer force that numbers more than 3500 people in North Georgia.

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Participants at the “Tee Off For Hope” Golf Tournament at Reynolds Landing are Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory; Bill Garrett, Board Member of Catholic Charities; John Berry, Executive Director, Society of St. Vincent de Paul; and Coach Vince Dooley, enjoying the beautiful locale of the golf facility at Lake Oconee. All proceeds from “Tee Off for Hope” Golf Tournament will go directly to the programs and services of Catholic Charities Atlanta and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.