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St. Vincent de Paul fights poverty, one student at a time *Annual "Fun Day" recognizes students in SVdP's scholarship program*

An education is the best hope for helping young people to end the cycle of poverty and that's the goal of SVdP's One At a Time Scholarship Program. The Society is working to help young people succeed in reaching their goals by providing financial help toward a college education.

On Sunday, January 7th, students currently enrolled in the One At a Time program will spend an afternoon with their mentors during SVdP's "Fun Day." The annual event recognizes students for their hard work, provides an opportunity for them to reconnect with their mentors and inspires students to continue on their path toward success.

In the five years since the scholarship program began, 4 students have graduated with bachelor's degrees and 10 students have received associate's degrees. Some of these students will return on Sunday to share their experiences and encourage the 36 students who are still working toward their degrees. In addition, St. Vincent de Paul will host a professional money management tutorial that will provide our scholarship students with spending tips during their thrifty college years as well as methods to plan for the future.

WHO: **St. Vincent de Paul and its One At a Time Scholarship Program**

WHAT: "Fun Day" recognizes students for their achievements and encourages them to continue on the path toward success

WHEN: Sunday, January 7th from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: St. Vincent de Paul's Dan O'Meara Center at 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix

Photo OP: Interview opportunities with scholarship students and their mentors

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization, dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. Programs include services for the homeless, medical/dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms, thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.