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Celebrating success

One At a Time program changes lives through education

PHOENIX — St. Vincent de Paul's One At a Time Scholarship Program is about success. And six former One At a Time participants are returning to the Society on Sunday, Jan.6, 2008, to discuss how the program changed their lives and gave them the opportunity to succeed.

The former students — some who are from the first class in the program to graduate from college — are meeting in the Hall of Banners, 420 W. Watkins Road, to share stories about their experience in the program and offer advice to mentors, donors and the 36 students currently participating in the program.

The objective of the One At a Time Scholarship Program is to change the future economic life of low-income students through help with a college education. In many cases, the students are the first generation in their family to attend college. Not only does this program help the students, but it will impact the people in their lives who see them as role models. We search for students that would not be able to attend college without our financial help, but with it can obtain a degree. The program puts motivated students on the road to economic success by not only offering financial support, but also with guidance from mentors that might not be available to them.

"We don't hand them a check and say 'good luck,'" said Terry Wilson, former president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "We mentor them and help them through their educational career."

Who: One At a Time Scholarship Program

What: Six former One At a Time participants are returning to discuss their college experience in the program and share advice with current students, mentors and donors.

When: Sunday, Jan. 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Where: St. Vincent de Paul's Hall of Banners, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix

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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, six thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.