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## **New Location for Provider of Homeless Services**

**December 28, 2007 (RICHMOND, VA)** . . . Central Intake, a nonprofit coordinator of homeless services, has opened a second location in Richmond.

Central Intake, a Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) program, recently established a location to assist homeless families with children at Saint Paul's Baptist Church, 700 East Belt Boulevard.

Central Intake also operates a site for Single Adult men and women at the Freedom House's Conrad Center, 1400 Oliver Hill Way.

Central Intake operates as a single point of entry designed to respond quickly to individuals and families threatened by homelessness. Last year, 2,983 men, women and children received assistance. Central Intake partners with local homeless service agencies that depend on Central Intake to fill beds and maintain current shelter availability information.

Staff provide each client comprehensive assessment to ensure that each person receives appropriate services to address the situation causing the housing crisis.

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This may include referrals to other partner agencies for other services such as treatment for substance dependence, mental health services, healthcare and case management.

Central Intake Manager Carla Turnage said: "Having the separate location at St. Paul's Baptist Church provides the opportunity to devote the time and attention necessary to help families with children through the first steps to resolve the crisis of homelessness. Family homelessness is more complex and there is more vulnerability since children are involved. With the two sites designed to serve specific populations, we can be more effective in how we serve clients."

Hours of operation for families with children (Saint Paul's Baptist Church) are: Monday -Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday hours are 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Phone number is 804-291-9082. Hours of operation for single adults (Conrad Center) are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. - noon. Phone number for the Conrad Center site is 804-648-4177. After hours: call 211 for assistance. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of activities. Contact Carla Turnage at 804-545-5036 or [Carla\\_turnage@cccofva.org](mailto:Carla_turnage@cccofva.org) for details about Central Intake or becoming a volunteer.

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