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**Baton Rouge One Stop Homeless Services Center Opens**

The Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Baton Rouge and non-profit developer, Gulf Coast Housing Partnership have collaborated in a holistic approach to end homelessness in Baton Rouge by building a new state-of-the-art housing and services facility. The **One Stop Homeless Services Center**, a vision of the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless since 2004, will officially become a reality with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

The **One-Stop Homeless Services Center** is an innovative approach to providing a full range of “Continuum of Care” support services to Baton Rouge’s homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless, incorporating 36 units of permanent supportive housing within the facility’s campus.

Marking a new level of agency collaboration and expansion of services to homeless persons, the **One Stop Homeless Services Center, located at 153 North Seventeenth Street, Baton Rouge**, will bring under one roof “supported independent living” for formerly homeless residents, quality of life support services and hands-on assistance in removing barriers to their long-term success. Services available, both to the residents and day population, include, but are not limited to:

- On-site primary medical, dental and pharmacy services
- Outreach & case management
- Behavioral health services & mental health screening
- HIV/AIDS quick testing
- Employment assistance & vocational training; life skills development
- Legal services for disability determination & mainstream resource enrollment assistance
- Day Center Services – showers, laundry, phone, mail and computer access

The **One Stop Homeless Services Center** is supported by Baton Rouge’s “Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness”, a strategy adopted by the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge. Project funding for the $8.4 Million initiative includes Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit, East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, Community Housing Capital and Whitney National Bank. Support for programs, services and project development was generously provided by the Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation, East Baton Rouge Mortgage Finance Authority, Credit Bureau of Baton Rouge, E.J. & Marjory B. Ourso Foundation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation, and the Walmart Foundation State Giving Fund.

The press and public are invited to attend the **One Stop Homeless Services Center** ribbon cutting at **2:00 PM on Thursday, November 10, 2011**, to be followed by a tour of the facility and a light reception.