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Doubletree Hotel 2001 Point Way Sacramento, CA 95815

SACRAMENTO MAYOR DARRELL STEINBERG TO OPEN SHELTER FROM THE STORM BREAKFAST *Volunteers of America event to feature firsthand stories of dramatic turnarounds by former & current clients*

Sacramento, CA - City of Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, a supporter of Volunteers of America's emergency winter warming center, will open the nonprofit's Shelter from the Storm Fundraising Breakfast Thursday May 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. when nearly 400 expected guests gather at the DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento. Since taking office, Mayor Steinberg has been committed to combating homeless in Sacramento, creating permanent supportive housing and supporting the services people need to end the cycle of homelessness for good.

Volunteers of America Northern California and Northern Nevada's (VOA-NCNN) annual Shelter from the Storm breakfast event, will be held this Thursday May 18th 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m, celebrates the men and women who had the courage to accept the hand up and out of homelessness through employment and housing programs provided by VOA-NCNN.

Among those scheduled to attend include Sacramento County Supervisors Patrick Kennedy and Sue Frost; City of Sacramento Vice Mayor Rick Jennings, and City of Sacramento Council members Jeff Harris and Eric Guerra. Jim Holst, outreach pastor of Bayside Covenant Church, will offer the invocation. A short documentary will be premiered about those that are changing their lives through employment and housing at the Volunteers of America Mather Community Campus.

Guests will hear the stories of change first hand. Jeremiah Langston, now a teacher and UC Davis Graduate, was formerly a client at the VOA-NCNN Transitional Housing for Former Foster Youth Program. While he can share his experience of change from start to finish, Michelle Evangelista, is a current student at the VOA-NCNN Mather Community Campus and walking the path right now. While the backgrounds vary, what the former and current clients who take the stage Thursday morning share is how the course of their stories changed for the better because of the intervention of the staff, and supporters of Volunteers of America.

The Shelter from the Storm breakfast is an hour of information, inspiration and insight. The event is free for guests, there is an opportunity to make a gift if they so choose, but this is not mandatory. The goal of the morning is to share VOA-NCNN's ministry of services and show how the programs support and empower America's most vulnerable groups, including former foster youth, seniors, veterans, homeless individuals and families, people with disabilities, and those recovering from addictions. This year's event is sponsored by SouthernCarlson, HUB International, ARC Document Solutions and Sutter Health Plus.

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About the Mather Community Campus Comprehensive Job Development and Housing Program

Mather Community Campus (MCC) provides housing and employment services to homeless individuals and families working toward self-sufficiency. Mather Community Campus focuses on helping formerly homeless individuals and families rebuild their lives through intensive employment and rapid housing services. The residential nine month program provides transitional housing, case management, employment and life-skills workshops, educational and job referrals

About Volunteers of America

Founded locally in 1911, the Northern California & Northern Nevada office of Volunteers of America is one of the largest providers of social services in the region. The professional paid staff operates more than 50 programs in categories that include: homeless services; homeless shelters; substance abuse treatment and recovery services; senior services; youth services; transitional housing; permanent supportive housing; and low income housing. In fact, Volunteers of America provides shelter or housing to nearly 1,800 men, women and children every night in the Greater Sacramento area. Nationally, Volunteers of America helps more than 2.5 million people annually in more than 400 communities. Volunteers of America Northern California & Northern Nevada is contracted to provide operations, professional services and staff for the Right Hand Auburn homeless shelter. www.voa-ncnn.org