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UNION MISSION COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SAVANNAH, GA - January 01, 2017 - For almost 80 years, Union Mission has offered a helping hand to those working to leave homelessness behind. Our Employment, Training, & Counseling [ETC] program is a critical supportive service that connects homeless individuals and those at-risk of homelessness with employment and workforce development opportunities that will help them regain and maintain stability as they rebuild their lives. In the past, this program has received funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] as part of their commitment to ending homelessness across the country.

HUD has developed new funding priorities which resulted in the termination of funding for programs in all 50 states. Recently, Union Mission was notified that our ETC program would not receive HUD funding beginning with the 2017-2018 funding award year. The funding decision was not based on any negative programmatic findings or insufficient impact in the ETC program.

“Union Mission remains committed to supporting workforce development in the greater Savannah area,” said Executive Director Steve Allison. “While affordable housing is a key issue in the fight against homelessness, supportive services such as those provided by our Employment, Training, & Counseling provided help individuals and families become and remain stably housed by giving them the tools they need to create a successful future for themselves.”

For more information, please contact Director of Development, Laura Lane McKinnon at (912) 236-7423 ext.1148

Union Mission is a non-profit organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the greater Savannah area. Union Mission seeks an end to homelessness through caring, committed community support. Union Mission relies on the generosity of the people of Savannah as donors and volunteers in fulfilling its commitment to ending homelessness.

