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## Cagle Attends Single Parent Alliance and Resource Center's Holiday Open House

(Atlanta, GA) – Lt. Governor Casey Cagle served as the keynote speaker for the Single Parent Alliance and Resource Center’s (SPARC) Holiday Open House this past Tuesday evening. Cagle was raised by a single mom and counts SPARC as a valuable resource for single parents. Additionally, he is active in encouraging all Georgians to seek ways to serve in their community and works to raise awareness of community programs such as SPARC that provide effective volunteer opportunities and service to their community.

“It was an honor to spend the evening at SPARC’s open house and speak to such an engaged and caring group of people. The organization that Joy Monroe has put together is a very valuable resource to single parents in her community and I applaud the work they do.” Lt. Governor Casey Cagle said “Groups that minister to single parents have a special place in my heart because I was raised by a single mom and understand the difficulties that are often faced by those in this circumstance. It is heartwarming to see SPARC working hard to meet the unmet needs of single parents and children.”

SPARC's mission is to empower and equip single parents with the necessary tools, resources and support to enable them to create a healthy home environment and nurture their children into a productive and successful adulthood.

“Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church is, as it has always been, a source of support for families in the surrounding communities. With the addition of SPARC, single parents, who have always been a part of our congregation, now know that they can come to the "Well" for programs and services designed especially for them.” said Bishop William L.

Sheals, Senior Pastor of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. "I, along with the Hopewell Family, embrace SPARC 100% because all children, whether in single or two parent households, deserve the opportunity for a successful future. A focus on strengthening families should be the mission of every Church."

"I am extremely excited about our presence on the campus of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, especially in the City of Hope Community Resource Center. We can now offer programs and services right here on this campus. Parenting classes, financial literacy, job placement, youth programs are among the many services we offer. They can now be found right here at SPARC," said Joy Monroe, SPARC Founder/Director.

"I am pleased to have SPARC come on board as a part of the City of Hope's Community Resource Center. I welcome the partnership and the opportunity to have them housed here. This will only enhance our effort to reach out to the community and serve them in a better way," said Pastor Arnold Davis, City of Hope Community Resource Center.

For further information about SPARC, go to <http://www.singleparent411.org/>