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SATELLITE LOCATION OF PAPA'S PANTRY OPENS AT ST. PAUL AME-CANTON

Papa's Pantry of Woodstock, GA will celebrate the opening of its first satellite location at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Canton, GA with a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 7th from 11am-2pm. Rev. Lemora B. Dobbs, Pastor of St. Paul AME Church-Canton says, "The opening of our community food pantry will be the culmination of three years of envisioning, planning and preparation. Partnering with Papa's Pantry provides us with the opportunity to reach more people and provide them with resources that not only feed them for a day, but also equip them for a lifetime." What Pastor Dobbs refers to in her statement are stability programs offered through the Master's Training Center, Papa's training division located at its Woodstock headquarters. The program offers persons that need food assistance an opportunity to work on issues that cause or prolong the need for food pantry assistance, i.e. establishing budgets, managing finances, saving, employment issues, etc. Founder/Executive Director of Papa's Pantry, Lynne Saunders, states, "Our goal is to help people get on their feet and stay there. We are hopeful that the opening of our satellite location in Canton will be the first of many that we will place in surrounding communities. The more people we can help to get on their feet, the better for our community and economy." Initially, the Canton satellite location (which will be housed adjacent to the church at St. Paul's Annex at 500 Crisler Street) will serve as a first time visitor facility only, providing persons in need with the ability to "shop" for a week's worth of non-perishable food and meal preparation items. Persons that wish to take advantage of Papa's Pantry's training programs will be directed to the Woodstock location for additional services and ongoing food assistance until they reach stability. Following its Grand Opening Day, Papa's Pantry's Canton Satellite will be open for appointments on Tuesdays from 4-7pm and Fridays from 3-5pm. To set a food pantry appointment, call 770.479.9691 and leave a message containing your name and contact telephone number. One of the food pantry volunteers will call you back and schedule a convenient appointment time during its hours of operation.

In conjunction with the Grand Opening of its satellite location of Papa's Pantry, St. Paul AME Church will also hold a Community Health Fair on May 7th beginning with registration at 8:30am and a fun walk at 9am. The theme of the Health Fair is *Healthy and Whole—Physically, Mentally and Emotionally*. The health fair will feature speakers, exhibitors, food, fitness demonstrations, and fun activities for persons of all ages. For more information contact the church at 770.479.9691, the main Woodstock office 770.591.4730, or www.PapasPantry.org.