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**Baltimore, MD** – We are excited and pleased to announce CSI Baltimore’s newest partnership with St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore. We at Childbirth Survival International, are honored to enter a long-term partnership with St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore to improve literacy skills in children 0-5 years in underserved communities in Baltimore City and County. We recognize preparing children for kindergarten, elementary through high school, to college and career readiness, to living productive lives requires an early strong start in literacy skills. The [I Can Read and Write](#) program will focus on early childhood education and work closely with mothers to support their children to learn, grow, and excel. “The goal of CSI Baltimore’s literacy program is to ensure no child is left behind academically, children develop the love for reading and writing, and are prepared for kindergarten and beyond in life” says Marie Blum, CSI Baltimore Director. “Through this partnership and others we hope to establish, we are investing in the next generation of Baltimoreans,” she continues.

**Childbirth Survival International** is an international nonprofit humanitarian organization committed to advocate, strengthen, and improve quality, access, and delivery of health services and information in marginalized communities. CSI programs prioritize the individual—the pregnant woman, the newborn, the under five years old child, the adolescent and youth. Underserved communities in Baltimore are not unique from some of the issues CSI is addressing abroad. Stemming from CSI’s philosophy of reaching the unreached, it was obvious to CSI founders – [Stella Mpanda](#) and [Tausi Suedi](#), the necessity to contribute to ongoing efforts in advancing health and well-being in Baltimore focusing on women, children, and at-risk youth in underserved communities. <http://childbirthsurvivalinternational.org/csi-baltimore>.

**St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore** is a leading provider of community services to people suffering from the effects of hunger, homelessness, and poverty in Baltimore, Maryland. Our mission is to ensure those impacted by poverty have the skills and resources to achieve their full potential. With an operating budget of over \$18 million per year, 14 programs, 243 staff members, and more than 3,800 volunteers, St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore serves more than 55,000 individuals per year. [www.vincentbaltimore.org](http://www.vincentbaltimore.org).

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**#NoChildLeftBehind**

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