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The Entrepreneur Café, LLC's Founder Steps Down as Coordinator of Homeless Families Program

Carbondale, IL February 9, 2011-As Director of Business Development for The Entrepreneur Café, LLC Cavanaugh L. Gray has always had a soft spot for those in need. As a kid he witnessed a man in Wendy's eat the garbage that he had thrown away and says, "It broke my heart and is something that I will never forget." A lot has transpired since that day at Wendy's; however, one thing that hasn't changed is Gray's commitment to serving the poor. Yet when Vine Community Church approached him in 2007 about overseeing the new homeless families ministry he admits that the idea took a little getting use too. "My first thought was I'm a businessman not the head of a social services ministry. Then it dawned on me that this was an opportunity to use my business background for a bigger purpose." In the end Cavanaugh signed on to be the Coordinator of Vine Project Compassion.

Vine Project Compassion serves homeless families or families in extreme need throughout Southern Illinois. Under Cavanaugh's direction Project Compassion aided more than 60 families in staying off of the street by partnering with hoteliers, property managers, and housing agencies in order to provide short and long-term emergency housing. The organization also provided meals and groceries, household necessities, clothing, childcare, and ongoing support by mobilizing more than one hundred volunteers. This week Cavanaugh steps down as Coordinator with a new found perspective. "The past three and a half years has been of the most amazing experiences of my life and I have loved every minute of it. We have seen individuals complete GED's, start college, repair marriages, stay gainfully employed, and become responsible parents-all of which is encouraging. To know that some of my efforts have played a part in the lives of these men, women and children is truly humbling and I am grateful to have had the opportunity. In the end Project Compassion is really all about seeing lives permanently reformed, restored, and renewed."

The Entrepreneur Café, LLC, is a small business development company and a leading provider of entrepreneurship education information, and small business products & services geared at new and expanding businesses. Our goal is to provide small businesses with accurate and timely business information, help entrepreneurs operate on a larger business platform, help small businesses navigate the pitfalls of new business development/expansion and promote a new lifestyle of entrepreneurship focused on helping owners achieve More Money, More Time, and More Control of their futures and More Happiness from their business endeavours.

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