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## Voices for Georgia's Children Receives Critical Investment from National Anti-Hunger Organization

A new wave of investment from MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger will seed and support grassroots anti-hunger infrastructure in Georgia

**ATLANTA** — Today, Voices for Georgia's Children (Voices) is pleased to announce a new partnership with <u>MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger</u>, a leading national anti-hunger organization, to further our efforts to curb hunger in our community. Voices is one of 13 new partners in MAZON's Emerging Advocacy Fund, a nationwide effort to support and expand grassroots anti-hunger work in the states most impacted by food insecurity. Over five years, the Emerging Advocacy Fund has invested in more than 50 other organizations in 19 states and Puerto Rico, and this latest allocation increases its total giving in the U.S. to more than \$9.1 million. MAZON also invests in other <u>strategic partners</u>.

"We are thrilled to partner with MAZON in the fight against hunger in Georgia," said Melissa Haberlen DeWolf, Research and Policy Director of Voices for Georgia's Children. "We are bringing community partners together to find solutions and ensure equitable access to nutritious foods so that no family struggles to put food on the table."

"With nearly four decades of experience fighting hunger in this country, we know that people in some states face greater barriers to food security, but no one deserves to be hungry — regardless of circumstance or zip code," said Mia Hubbard, Vice President of Programs at MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. "We understand the value and vitality of building a strong, resilient anti-hunger advocacy infrastructure, and we are more committed than ever to listen to, learn from, and support communities facing high rates of food insecurity."

In Georgia, 1,141,880 people are experiencing hunger daily; **360,210 of those are children**. Nationally, more than 10% of households — nearly 40 million people — struggle with food security, a rate that increases for families with children and in communities of color. MAZON's new investments will build power among local advocates fighting for policy-based solutions designed to interrupt the vicious cycle of neglect and economic struggle, especially among our most vulnerable populations.

Other Georgia recipients of MAZON's Emerging Advocacy Fund grants include:

• Latino Community Fund of Georgia (Atlanta, Ga.)

## About Voices for Georgia's Children

Voices for Georgia's Children is the state's only comprehensive policy and advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of Georgia's children. Through research and analysis, public education, convening and engagement with state decision-makers, Voices is striving to ensure ALL children thrive. Our work is framed in a holistic "whole child" perspective that allows us to identify how different policies impact children and to propose solutions that benefit children on multiple levels.

## About MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger:

Inspired by Jewish values and ideals, MAZON is a national advocacy organization working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. For more information on MAZON, please visit <u>mazon.org</u>.