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## **Community invited to send photos to first “Pictures of Poverty” photo exhibit** *Exhibit open at Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, Oct. 17-Nov. 1, 2009*

(Aug. 23, 2009 – St. Joseph, Mo.) Some say the poor are “invisible” in today’s fast-paced world. Others say the poor bear a new face today – that of the working poor.

Whatever your interpretation, you are invited to submit a photograph to the first “Pictures of Poverty” photo exhibit, opening Oct. 17 at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph, Mo. An evening reception is planned for Tues., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7 p.m. at the Museum.

Hosted by Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph, the exhibit is meant to shed light on what poverty looks like in St. Joseph and the surrounding communities. Photos can also depict the hope of escaping poverty.

The Pictures of Poverty exhibit is in conjunction with “In Our Own Backyard,” a national photojournalism project aimed at revealing the realities of poverty through photography. Professional photo essays can be viewed at: <http://www.inourownbackyard.us/>. Project coordinators plan to add CAP St. Joe’s “Pictures of Poverty” project to the Missouri project link.

“There’s bound to be an element of shock value in this exhibit – but we have to look at poverty head-on if we’re going to engage in processes to end it,” says Rachel McCoy, director of development for Community Action Partnership. “People might be surprised at some of the living conditions we see here in St. Joseph, but also inspired by the progress and the hope that’s out there.”

Framed photograph submissions are due to the Community Action Partnership central office at 817 Monterey in St. Joseph by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Prizes will be awarded in each category: high school student, college student, amateur and professional. Each artist can submit up to 2 pieces, and they must be either 8x10 or 16x20 size, framed and with wires for hanging. Mattes should be cream or white. For questions, call (816) 344-5010 or email [rmccoy@endpov.com](mailto:rmccoy@endpov.com).

Printable identification tag is available at [www.endpov.com](http://www.endpov.com) and should accompany each piece.

Community Action Partnership has provided programs to move low-income families out of poverty since 1965, serving nearly 16,000 people in poverty in Northwest Missouri. Head Start is one of the core programs managed by the agency. Additional services provided by Community Action Partnership to low-income families include utilities assistance, affordable housing, financial literacy and home ownership classes, life skills and workforce training. For more information, visit [www.endpov.com](http://www.endpov.com).

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