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THE CHATHAM COUNTY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY & SAVANNAH FEED THE HUNGRY ANNOUNCES THE GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE SHOW US YOUR GUNS YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

Chatham County, GA - The Office of the District Attorney in partnership with Savannah Feed the Hungry and The Vera Institute of Justice's Motion for Justice initiative is proud to announce another successful cohort of graduates from the Show Us Your Guns (SUYGs) youth diversion program. SUYGs is a diversion program initiated in February of 2022 for young adults ages 17 to 25 charged with gun possession offenses in which the gun was not used during the commission of the offense. The SUYGs program offers a holistic approach to justice by focusing on the root causes of criminal behavior by incorporating community - based strategies such as intervention and prevention. The goal of this program is to reduce gun related offenses and criminal behavior. The SUYGs courses are conducted weekly at the Empowerment Center by Mrs. Karen Williams. Today we will focus on the celebration of graduates with presentation of awards and several other recognitions. District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones and Georgia State Representative Carl Gilliard will present awards and provide brief remarks.

When: Thursday, May 25, 2023, 6pm to 8pm (media may arrive as early as 5:45pm)

Who: District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones & Georgia State Representative Carl Gilliard

What: Program completion graduation ceremony

Where: Savannah Feed the Hungry's Empowerment Center
4704 Augusta Rd. Garden City, GA

Photos/Interviews: Please request prior approval before engaging or publishing any SUYGs program participants and graduates.

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