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to Host Panel Discussion on Community Need and Poverty**

St. Charles, Mo. – Lindenwood University and the Community Council of St. Charles County will host a panel discussion addressing the topics of community need and poverty titled “Helping that Affirms Human Dignity,” from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. The event will take place in the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Event Room of Spencer Road Library, located at 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, Mo., 63376.

Robert D. Lupton, author of the book *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Revise It)* and founder and president of Focused Community Strategies Urban Ministries, will discuss his work. Breakout sessions will follow, and the final portion of the event will include a panel discussion by community members who will provide insight into the book and its practical application to their professional services.

The panel will include Greg Showe of VFW Post 5077; Nancy Cope, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County; Laura Heebner, president and CEO of Crider Health Center; Jana Nulik, director of training and impact at Connections to Success; Jennifer Long, director of outreach at Morningstar Church; and Ryan Carney, director of Vincentian Programs of Society at Saint Vincent de Paul.

The cost of the event is \$40 for general admission and \$35 for Community Council members. Lunch will be provided and is included in the cost of the ticket.

Pre-registration and online payment is required through www.Eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Julie Turner, PhD, assistant professor and department chair of nonprofit administration at Lindenwood, at 636-949-4652 or jturner@lindenwood.edu.

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