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FRED ROGERS SCHOLARS TO HOST DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
“Won’t You Be My Neighbor” to be screened as part of Fred Rogers’ birthday celebration

LATROBE, PA – In honor of Fred Rogers’ birthday month, the Fred Rogers Scholars program at Saint Vincent College will host a screening of the documentary film “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 25, in the Fred M. Rogers Center. The screening is a capstone to a weeklong campus celebration entitled “Fred Forever,” which is coordinated by the scholars to encourage fellowship and neighborly kindness on the Saint Vincent campus.

The screening is free and open to the public. Guests may bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor” is a 2018 documentary directed by Morgan Neville that encompasses the life and guiding philosophy of Fred Rogers. It debuted at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival, and upon its release in the United States, received universal acclaim. It was chosen by *Time* magazine as one of the top 10 films of 2018 and won the Independent Spirit Award for Best Documentary.

The Fred Rogers Scholars program is a four-year merit-based scholarship opportunity offered to incoming first-year students at Saint Vincent College. The program is advised through the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children’s Media. The scholars study Fred Rogers’ life and legacy, develop service-learning projects and conduct a culminating project focused on the subject’s major and career plans.

Established at Saint Vincent College in 2003, the Fred Rogers Center enriches the development of current and emerging leaders in the fields of early learning and children’s media by supporting the advancement and mentoring of child-serving professionals; educational opportunities for undergraduate Fred Rogers Scholars; research and special collaborations by Rogers Center Fellows; and resources and information on the developmentally appropriate use of media to strengthen human relationships. The Center is the official home of the Fred Rogers Archive as well as a straightforward, understanding and compassionate voice for the healthy social and emotional development of children birth to age 8. For complete information on the center, visit www.fredrogerscenter.org.

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