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**Vilis Pasts of BTS Asset Management Honored for  
Philanthropic Contributions to The Salvation Army of Massachusetts**

Lexington, MA – June 30, 2014 – Vilis Pasts, volunteer for The Salvation Army of Massachusetts in Sharon, MA, received Honorable Mention for philanthropic excellence in the eighth annual Invest in Others Community Leadership Awards.

The Invest in Others Charitable Foundation established the Community Leadership Awards to support the philanthropic and volunteer activities of financial advisors. Financial advisors from across the nation are nominated by their peers for exemplifying outstanding leadership qualities in the industry and actively volunteering to improve their communities and make a difference in the lives of others.

Hundreds of nominations for the Community Leadership Awards are received each year and reviewed by a diverse panel of leaders in the financial services industry. This year's applicant pool was particularly strong. Those receiving Honorable Mention were selected based on their level of involvement, contributions, and the impact of their efforts.

Vilis Pasts personal experiences have had a lifelong impact on his community. Vilis has supported The Salvation Army of Massachusetts for almost 20 years because they focus on lifting people out of homelessness and poverty to a place of genuine hope for their future. The Salvation Army's long term, consistent support to a broad range of youth and family-oriented programs, as well as basic and emergency human services, has a major impact on the health and welfare of individuals. The Salvation Army and Vilis share the value that the needs of at-risk youth and families can best be met by a broad-based service initiative that focuses on creating a family-like support structure within the programs and bolstering the family structure at home.

Major David Kelly, Massachusetts Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army, sums it up best, "Our partnership with Vilis is special. Vilis is an outstanding supporter who has made a major impact in the community with his generosity, ability to lead by example, and unfailing commitment to our organization."

The annual Invest in Others Community Leadership Awards dinner is September 18, 2014 in New York City, where the following awards will be presented: Catalyst Award, Community Service Award, Global Community Impact Award, Volunteer of the Year Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

**About the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation**

Established in 2006, the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charity founded with the mission of encouraging, recognizing, and supporting the philanthropic and volunteer activities of financial advisors in their communities. The Invest in Others mission is achieved through a community-based approach to philanthropy that seeks to strengthen neighborhoods from within by empowering those who are committed to serving others in their professional and personal lives. As mentors, volunteers, fundraisers and leaders, financial professionals lend their unique skills and perspectives to the challenges and opportunities facing others in communities around the country and around the world. Invest in Others is proud to support and promote these efforts to better our world one community at a time. For more information, visit [www.investinothers.org](http://www.investinothers.org).

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