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**THE PARE LORENTZ CENTER AT THE FDR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
-- IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SIGNING OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT --
LAUNCHES A NEW MOBILE-FRIENDLY
SOCIAL SECURITY WEB FEATURE
(www.parelorentzcenter.org)**

HYDE PARK, NY -- On August 14, 2015 -- in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act -- the Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library launched a new **MOBILE-FRIENDLY SOCIAL SECURITY WEB FEATURE**. The online feature tells the story of how Social Security came to be through photographs, documents, posters and brief, informative narrative. This project was made possible through generous funding from the New York Community Trust, and was designed by Ashworth Creative of Poughkeepsie, New York. To explore the Social Security web feature visit www.parelorentzcenter.org.

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, a monumental piece of legislation that forever changed the relationship between the federal government and the American people. Today, Social Security is America's biggest social program, providing benefits to over 59 million people. It is one of the largest single items in the federal budget, representing 24 percent of all spending.

According to Roosevelt Library Education Specialist and Pare Lorentz Center Director Jeffrey Urbin, "Without question, Social Security is one of FDR's most enduring legacies. This online feature, which is based on the content of our acclaimed 2010 special

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exhibition "OUR PLAIN DUTY": FDR AND AMERICA'S SOCIAL SECURITY, gives us the opportunity to share -- with a much wider audience -- the story of how Social Security became such a central and important part of American life."

For more information about this Social Security web feature visit ***www.parelorentzcenter.org*** or call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745.

The Pare Lorentz Center's mission is *to apply the audiovisual techniques pioneered by Pare Lorentz to teach history and social studies, and to perpetuate Lorentz's use of the documentary format in inspiring social and political messages.* Located at the FDR Presidential Library, the center is funded through a generous grant from the New York Community Trust to the Roosevelt Institute. Pare Lorentz created groundbreaking documentary films -- a powerful synthesis of stunning imagery, poetic narration, and evocative music -- for New Deal agencies of the Roosevelt Administration. The Pare Lorentz Center creates and disseminates educational documentary materials and films to teach the history of the Age of Roosevelt and illustrate the enduring social issues (poverty, social equality and conservation) that President Roosevelt and Pare Lorentz cared so much about. Visit www.parelorentzcenter.org for more information.

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