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Outstanding Leaders Nominated for the 8th Annual Turknett Leadership Character Awards

Fifty five nominations of top Georgia leaders were received this year for the prestigious. Turknett Leadership Character Awards. All entries are being reviewed by a distinguished advisory board and top awards in each category will be announced September 15th at a luncheon at the Georgia Aquarium from noon to 2:00 pm. The event is open to the public.

The four person advisory group consists of **Oz Nelson**, retired chairman and CEO of UPS, **Conchita Robinson**, president and CEO of C Robinson Associates, Inc., **Dr. Betty Siegel**, president-emeritus of Kennesaw State University and **W. Thomas Smith**, Founder and Managing Partner of Total Technology Ventures.

Nominees in the **CEO/President/Managing Partner Category** are: **Pamela R. Adams**, The Byz Lynks Center; **Larry Callahan**, Patillo Industrial Real Estate; **Tammy Cohen**, InfoMart, **Charlie Crawford**, Private Bank of Buckhead, **Tom Darrow**, Talent Connections/Career SPA, **Ralph de la Vega**, AT&T Mobility; **Tricia Dempsey**, Agile Resources, Inc.; **Barbara Giamanco**, Talent Builders, Inc.; **Joel Grossman**, Conley Area Business Association; **Larry Keys**, Mercer, **Marci McCarthy**, T.E.N. – Tech Exec Networks, Inc.; **Susan McLaughlin**, Vick Park Associates; **Tyler Nunnally**, Upside-Risk, **Candace Reese**, Envision Global; **John Rhett, III**; SunTrust Investment Services; **Doug Ross**, Synergis; **Andrew Sullivan**, Sullivan & Schlieman Wealth Management, LLC; **J. Allen Wright**, UBS Financial Services. Outstanding nominees are also named for the Executive/Manager, Non-Profit, Education and Inspiritor Categories The complete list of nominees is at www.leadershipcharacter.com.

Nominated individuals and companies demonstrate integrity; relate to customers, suppliers, co-workers and others with respect; and maintain a culture in which everyone takes responsibility for achieving results while upholding the organization's core values.

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