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Summary: Nominations are being accepted for the Turknett Leadership Character Awards. The awards recognize leaders who exemplify the highest standards of character and integrity. All nominees along with their nominator will be guests at the luncheon at the Georgia Aquarium September 15, 2011. Nominate a leader online at www.leadershipcharacter.com by July 15, 2011.

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Nominate a Leader of Character

Nominations are now being accepted for the 8th annual Leadership Character Awards. The awards are hosted by Turknett Leadership Group in partnership with the Siegel Institute of Leadership, Ethics & Character at Kennesaw State University. We are proud to announce that Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta will be our presenting sponsor this year and that GV Financial will sponsor at the silver level.

Honor a leader you know who has exceptional integrity and character. You may nominate online at www.leadershipcharacter.com. For more information call Liz Roling at 770-270-1723.

Every qualified nominee will be honored at the luncheon where top awards in several categories will be announced. Categories are:

- a. Business or Public Sector:
 - o **CEO/President/Partner** – The senior executive or officer of the enterprise
 - o **Executive/Manager** – A leader or manager at any level in the organization who has direct reports
- b. **Non-profit** – This category is for any level of individual who is on staff at a nonprofit. Volunteers are not eligible in this category. You must have proof of your 501(c)(3) status.
- c. **Education** – Faculty members and administrators of any public or private not-for-profit educational institution.
- d. **"Inspiritor"** – exceptionally inspiring people who **choose** leadership regardless of their title or position, e.g., volunteers, individual contributors, administrative assistants, programmers, technicians, sales or customer service representatives, etc.

The deadline for nominations is July 15, 2011.

Leadership Character Award winners are chosen by a distinguished advisory board:

Kent C. (Oz) Nelson Chairman/CEO-Retired of UPS; **Dr. Betty Siegel**, President Emeritus and Endowed Chair of the Siegel Institute of Leadership, Ethics & Character; **Conchita Robinson**, President & CEO of C Robinson Associates, Inc.; and **Tom Smith**, Founder and Managing Partner of Total Technology Ventures.

Last year's Leadership Character Award winners were: **David Geller**, CEO, GV Financial Advisors, **Luella Brown**, IT Application Portfolio Manager, Southern Company, **Philip Bray**, President/CEO, Safehouse Outreach, **Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum**, President, Spelman College, **Heather S. Rocker**, Executive Director, Women in Technology/WIT Foundation, **Beverly Hayes Easterling** Special Education Teacher, Kennedy Middle School

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Comments from last year's attendees confirm the high regard for this event among participants, attendees and the community. Here is a sampling of ACCOLADES for the event:

- *Let me just say what a REMARKABLE event that Turknett put on yesterday. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. It was one of the best luncheons I have ever attended. The program and the nominees and the people were fantastic--I also loved the location at the Aquarium!*
- *I attend many functions, but yours warmed my heart, which is a special treat.*
- *Thank you very much for inviting our firm to the awards ceremony today. You should be commended for all the hard work you do and teaching us all about the characteristics of good leadership. We had a great time and enjoyed being around so many great people from many different fields of work.*
- *Congratulations! You and your team did a great job in making the event successful. The venue was perfect, the presentations were outstanding, and Betty Siegel's words were inspirational. It was a great day!*
- *Thanks for making this event such a big success over the years. I'm already looking forward to next year.*
- *You guys do a great job. I love this event, so inspirational and pushes one to reflect on themselves. I always walk away with some key messages and some areas to continue to develop myself.*
- *We had a fabulous time and are so thankful for all that you and Turknett do for our community and recognizing outstanding leaders with character.*
- *We enjoyed the award ceremony very much. The venue was stunning and the event was entertaining and inspiring at the same time.*
- *I had a wonderful time at your luncheon; and my clients loved it! It was impressive, impactful, warm and seamless, with all the right touches. It reflects your work style and integration with the business community.*

Find more details, nomination forms, and make reservations for the awards luncheon at the Georgia Aquarium on September 15, 2011 at: <http://www.leadershipcharacter.com>

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Turknett Leadership Group is a management consulting firm based in Atlanta that specializes in succession planning, CEO consulting, executive coaching, talent management and organization effectiveness. Turknett has assessed and developed high level leaders and their organizations throughout the U.S. for more than 20 years. The Turknett professional staff combines psychological expertise in the behavioral sciences and practical business and executive management experience. They serve small, mid-sized and large organizations such as AGL Resources, American Cancer Society, AT&T, Bennett International Group, Georgia-Pacific Corp., and Hewlett-Packard. For more information go to www.turknett.com