

Ambassador Andrew Young to Receive Leadership Character Lifetime Achievement Award

ATLANTA, Georgia (March 20, 2018) – Turknett Leadership Group (TLG) and the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership announced that Andrew J. Young - civil and human rights pioneer, U.S. Ambassador to the UN, and former Atlanta Mayor - will be the 2018 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award in Leadership Character. The award recognizes exceptional leaders who exemplify the highest standards of character, integrity, and servant leadership over a lifetime of service to organizations and to the larger community.

Ambassador Young was a key strategist and negotiator during civil rights campaigns that led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Appointed as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations in 1977, he negotiated an end to white-minority rule in Namibia and Zimbabwe and brought an emphasis on human rights to international diplomacy efforts during President Carter's Administration. As a two-term Mayor of Atlanta, Young brought in over 1,100 businesses, over 70 billion in foreign direct investments and generated over a million jobs. Ambassador Young has received honorary degrees from more than 100 universities and colleges in the U.S. and abroad and has received a number of awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

"Turknett Leadership Group (TLG) and the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership are privileged to be able to honor Ambassador Young with this award. There are few world leaders who have been as laser-focused on all of us coming together for the common good," shares Bob Turknett, CEO, Turknett Leadership Group.

"It is a privilege to recognize Ambassador Young with the Leadership Character Lifetime Achievement Award. Few of us have been tested the way he has been throughout his life yet he continues to serve the needs of others. He is a role model of courage, character and servant leadership," said Pat Falotico, CEO, Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership.

Ann Stallard, a member of the Leadership Character Awards Board of Advisors and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, United Way of America, said, "Our country needs more of Ambassador Andrew Young's grit and generosity of spirit. He possesses a rare talent and enormous strength of character to inspire, enlighten and engage many even those who disagree with one another. When asked at a national leadership conference how he persevered, Ambassador Young quickly replied, 'I, like those who set the pace before me, have been tried and tempered by fire like steel. I bend but I do not break.' There is no doubt that we need to follow Ambassador Young's stellar example of a humble, tireless leader who demonstrates daily how we create the beloved community."

The Leadership Character Awards are presented by the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership in partnership with Turknett Leadership Group. The fifth Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented as part of the 2018 Leadership Character Awards luncheon on Tuesday, October 9th at the Georgia Aquarium. All Awards except for the Lifetime Achievement Award are chosen from nominations in business, education, and nonprofit categories. All qualified nominees are recognized, and a top

recipient in each category is honored. Nominations are now open and may be made at www.LeadershipCharacterAwards.org.

About the Leadership Character Awards

Since 2003, the Turknett Leadership Character Awards have recognized Georgia leaders who display character in leadership based on alignment with the Leadership Character Model®. Across Georgia, over 80 leaders and companies have been honored with top awards since the Leadership Character Awards began, and over 600 leaders have been recognized. The Advisory Board of the Leadership Character Awards includes Ann Cramer, Senior Consultant with Coxe Curry & Associates and former Director for IBM of Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, Tom Crawford, retired Chairman and CEO of Crawford & Company and a 2007 Turknett Leadership Character Award winner, David Ratcliffe, former President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Company, Conchita Robinson, President and CEO, C. Robinson Associates, Inc., and Ann Stallard, former CEO of Graphic Communications Corporation and former Leadership Character Award winner. Dr. Betty Siegel, President Emeritus and Endowed Chair of leadership, ethics, and character, Kennesaw State University, serves as an Advisor Emeritus.

In 2014, the Turknett Leadership Group entered into a partnership with the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership to present the awards together. The 2018 Leadership Character Awards will be presented by the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership in partnership with the Turknett Leadership Group and will be held on October 9, 2018 at the Georgia Aquarium.

About The Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership

Founded in 1964, the Greenleaf Center is an international nonprofit organization that serves students, individuals, workplaces and the community by growing servant-leaders through education and programming. Robert K. Greenleaf was the author of "The Servant as Leader," a landmark essay that coined the phrase "servant-leader" and launched the modern servant leadership movement. Today the Greenleaf Center nurtures students, enhances workplaces and builds the servant leader community through education, leadership development and conferences. To find out more, please visit www.greenleaf.org.

About Turknett Leadership Group

Turknett Leadership Group's expertise is leadership. With over 30 years' experience, TLG is a premiere resource for Executive Coaching, Leadership Team Development, Customized Leadership Solutions, Talent Assessment, Culture Change, Succession Management, and Business Focused Engagement Surveys. TLG has built a reputation for results and exceeding client expectations by creating high-performing cultures for long term business success. To find out more, visit www.turknett.com.

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