



## **GEORGIA'S TOP LEADERS OF CHARACTER NAMED AT 2018 TURKNETT LEADERSHIP CHARACTER AWARDS**

**ATLANTA – October 9, 2018** – The Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, in partnership with Turknett Leadership Group, today named six business and community leaders as top honorees at the 2018 Leadership Character Awards. These six were selected from a group of 58 nominees, all of whom were recognized at the luncheon held at the Georgia Aquarium. The Awards recognize exceptional leaders who display character in leadership based on alignment with the Turknett Leadership Character Model, and who pass Robert Greenleaf's "best test" of Servant Leadership - helping those they serve grow.

There are six leadership categories and this year's winners were:

- **CEO/President/Managing Partner – Large Company:** Alex Gregory, Immediate Past CEO/Chairman – YKK
- **CEO/President/Managing Partner – Small/Medium Company:** Arnie Silverman, President – Silverman CPM
- **Executive/Manager:** Martin Davis, EVP & CIO – Southern Company
- **Education:** Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, President/Dean – Morehouse School of Medicine
- **Non-Profit:** Jack Harris, President/CEO – Junior Achievement of Georgia
- **Inspiritor:** Donna Buchanan, Former COO – United Way Greater Atlanta

The 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to civil and human rights pioneer, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and former Atlanta Mayor, Ambassador Andrew J. Young, who was recognized for his lifetime of exceptional leadership exemplifying the highest standards of character, integrity, and servant leadership.

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

"It is a privilege to recognize Ambassador Young with the Leadership Character Lifetime Achievement Award," added Pat Falotico, CEO – Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership. "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."

An additional Award was announced at the event. John Grant, co-founder of the Atlanta Friendship Initiative with Bill Nordmark, revealed that at the 2020 Awards there will be an additional award category. A Bridging the Divide Award will be given in honor of Bill Nordmark, who died unexpectedly in August of this year. The Atlanta Friendship Initiative brought together people from different races and backgrounds to form personal friendships.

The 2018 Presenting Sponsor was Barnes & Thornburg, LLC; Silver sponsors were Cox, Federal Home Loan Bank – Atlanta, and First Data; Bronze sponsors were Jubi, Georgia Power, and Susan Freeman, Northwestern Mutual; and Patrons were Gas South, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, NanoLumens, and Tracy and Lee Crump, in honor of Bob and Lyn Turknett.

### **About the Leadership Character Awards**

Since 2003, the Turknett Leadership Character Awards have recognized Georgia leaders who demonstrate character in leadership based on alignment with the Leadership Character Model, a model developed by Bob and Lyn Turknett in 1995. The model represents character as a scale with integrity as the base and respect and responsibility balanced on either side. The awards were presented under the auspices of the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, a nonprofit with international reach.

Top award recipients in each category were selected by the five-person Advisory Board. Members of the 2018 Advisory Board include Ann Cramer, Senior Consultant with Coxe Curry & Associates; Tom Crawford, owner of Crawford Corporate Coaching; David Ratcliffe, former President, and CEO of Southern Company; Conchita Robinson, President and CEO of C Robinson Associates, Inc.; and Ann Stallard, Partner with Oxford Center for Entrepreneurs.

#### **About Turknett Leadership Group**

Turknett Leadership Group's expertise is leadership. With 30 years of experience, TLG is the premier resource for Executive Coaching, Talent Assessment and Development, Succession Planning, Business Focused Engagement Surveys, and Cultural Assessment and Change. Through an approach grounded in science and guided by the Leadership Character Model™, TLG helps organizations identify and develop high potentials, develop strong leadership teams, and create high-performing cultures. Turknett Leadership Group has built a reputation for results and client satisfaction. To find out more, please visit [www.turknett.com](http://www.turknett.com).

#### **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](http://www.greenleaf.org).

A portion of the net proceeds from this year's awards will be used to fund Greenleaf's Servant Leadership Journey Online™ scholarships for student members of their Georgia chapters of Golden Key International Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity.

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