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## **Community Leadership Luncheon Honors Graduates**

The public is invited to attend the annual Community Leadership Luncheon on May 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The DoubleTree Hotel.

The event honors the 43 graduates of the 2009 Leadership Chattanooga class.

Highlighting the luncheon will be the presentation of five community projects coordinated by the class.

The program will also include reflections on the Leadership Chattanooga experience by class member Mike Dunne, external communications manager for Hamilton County government.

Leadership Chattanooga is presented by the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Chattanooga Chamber Foundation.

“Leadership Chattanooga is a 10-month program designed to develop leadership skills in outstanding early- or mid-career professionals,” said Diane Parks, director of leadership and community development for the Chamber. “The program is informative, challenging and motivational, providing interaction with the community’s top leadership, familiarity with key agencies and institutions and community service team projects.”

The 2009 service projects include Buy Fresh Buy Local, an effort to encourage consumers to patronize vendors that sell food grown locally; Children Changing Chattanooga, an essay-writing contest allowing 8<sup>th</sup> graders to describe how they would change the community for the better; Dress the Code, creation of a uniform clothing closet for children in need at Orchard Knob Middle School; Kids Can, a program encouraging young people to develop a sense of community service; and Green Affair, a campaign to encourage recycling at local festivals.

This year’s Leadership Chattanooga graduates are: Cathy Barrett, Unum; Blair Bennington Cannon, Patrick, Beard, Shulman and Jacoway; Darlene Boyd, Regions Bank; Kelly Brexler, Office of Senator Lamar Alexander; Lilian Bruce, EPB; Linda Bullard, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee;

Adam Clagg, Covenant Church; Danielle Clark, Hamilton County Department of Education; April Crenshaw, Chattanooga State Technical Community College; Tony Dahlberg, The Samaritan Center; Mike Dunne, Hamilton County Government;

Kelly Fitzgerald, Artech Design Group; Dawn Ford, Chattanooga Hamilton County Health Department; Kathryn Foster, Chattanooga Hamilton County Business Development Center; Brian Frye, Legal Aid of East Tennessee; Amanda Galas, Waterhouse Public Relations;

Richard Gary, Orange Grove Center; Valerie Gifford, Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union; Stacy Johnson, La Paz de Dios; La'Nita Jones, Tennessee Valley Authority; Deborah Luehrs, Siskin Children's Institute;

Travis Lytle, Cornerstone Community Bank; Deborah Maddox, Community Impact of Chattanooga, Inc.; Angela Lee McClister, WTCI-TV (PBS); Jaime Melton, St. Peter's Episcopal School; Glenn Morris, M & M Industries, Inc.; Pam Morris, LBMC Technologies; Ivan Patton;

Veronica Peebles, CARTA; Brad Pierce, The Johnston Southern Company; Tara Poole, CreateHere; Philip Pugliese, City of Chattanooga; Mark Reina, SunTrust Bank; Mary Robinson Roland, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Josiah Roe, Medium;

Ken Smith, episode49, LLC; Craig Smith, Miller & Martin, PLLC; Derrall Stalvey, WRCB TV3; Matt Stovall, Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon; Shalin Tejani, Hamilton Plastics, Inc.; Chinyere Ubamadu, Ronald McDonald House Charities; Jason Underwood, Joseph Decosimo and Company, PLLC; Jerri Weary, Chattanooga Police Department.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$40 per person and \$400 for a table of eight. For reservations contact Christie Kelly at [ckelly@chattanooga-chamber.com](mailto:ckelly@chattanooga-chamber.com) or 423-763-4366.

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