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### **Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation Chairman Passes the Gavel**

Janet Rodgers, chairman of the Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation, passed the 2011 chairman's position to Phil Baldwin at the annual meeting of the APSF Board of Directors at Smokejack on October 22, 2010. Rodgers stated that it had been an honor serving as the chair in 2010 and talked about the accomplishments of the foundation over the past several years which included:

- Two successful fundraisers - The Annual Red and Blue Cook for You and Hometown Heroes and Hotcakes
- Provided financial support to 11 public safety employees and their families
- Awarded five academic scholarships to public safety employees and their families (\$1,000 each)
- Funded cameras in squad cars to automatically scan license plates for outstanding warrants, drug history, stolen vehicles and other major crimes
- Purchased 11 Alco-Sensors for police cars to help stop drunk driving
- Replaced expired heavy-lifting air bags used by firefighters to extricate victims from serious vehicle crashes, often eliminating the wait for the Jaws of Life to arrive
- Funded a ropes rescue class to expand the skills and improve the safety of ten Alpharetta firefighters
- Purchased a digital child-identification system for the city of Alpharetta to help locate missing or lost children
- Offered local businesses the opportunity to tie their security cameras to the new C3 Center
- Purchased coolant vests for firefighters to bring body temperature quickly back to normal after exiting a fire
- Partnered with the city of Alpharetta to create the K-9 Memorial
- Sponsored the Annual Public Safety Employees Awards luncheon to honor their achievements
- Hosted two bratwurst roasts for police officers
- Partnered with community volunteers to provide meals to firefighters
- Sponsored public safety employees in the annual Police & Fire Games
- Conducted forums so that interested business leaders and citizens could discuss their needs and opinions with the Alpharetta Public Safety Director
- Provided financial support for several programs conducted by our local Explorers Club
- Continued to pay for the CERT website hosting
- Hired a consultant to work on helping us find grants for our organization
- Negotiated a membership with Sharp Shooters for our police officers - more information on this at a later date
- Purchased 6 camera pens for research and development for the Public Safety Department

Awards were given to all board members for their support of the chairman and the foundation during the past year. Circle of Honor awards were given to Kim Matherly, Windward Business Center Association, and Ron Wallace, Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub, in recognition of their contributions of over \$100,000 to support the foundation. Awards were given to the chairs of the two fundraisers and certificates were given to all members of the Business Advisory Council and the Community Leadership Council.

To conclude the meeting, Director Gary George administered the oath of office to all 2011 board members, and Phil Baldwin, the new chair, expressed appreciation for the support of the board and advisory councils and said he looks forward to another great year in 2011.



*Phil Baldwin gives Janet Rodgers an award for her leadership over the past year*



*Janet Rodgers and Phil Baldwin recognize Kim Matherly with the Circle of Honor Award*



*Janet Rodgers and Phil Baldwin recognize Ron Wallace with the Circle of Honor Award*



*Director Gary George administers the Oath of Office to the 2011 APSF Board of Directors*