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Greensboro Economic Development Alliance Announces Stanley Frank Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

February 23, 2010 (Greensboro, NC) - Greensboro Economic Development Alliance (GEDA) awarded the Stanley Frank Lifetime Achievement Award today at the Greensboro Partnership's annual investor breakfast to Yvonne Johnson, Executive Director of One Step Further and former Mayor and City Councilwoman in Greensboro.

The Stanley Frank Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to members of the community who have given many years of dedicated service in support of building a better Greensboro and Guilford County. The award's namesake, Stanley Frank, was a longtime benefactor and champion of Greensboro. He was a trustee of Guilford College and believed in the importance of education for the future of the community. The Stanley Frank Award has been given by Greensboro Economic Development Alliance since 2004. The 2009 recipients were Ted Johnson and Don Cameron.

The 2010 recipient has displayed an inexhaustible passion for Greensboro and dedication to the citizens of Greensboro. During her tenure as Mayor, Johnson was a crucial partner for new business recruitment and business expansion projects and helped GEDA tell Greensboro's compelling story to interested companies and consultants. In fact, Johnson has been one of Greensboro's biggest cheerleaders, providing the kind of leadership that helped propel the community forward.

Johnson served on the Greensboro City Council from 1993 until 2009, serving as the council liaison to the Hope VI/Willow Oaks project, to the Greensboro Housing Development Partnership, and for the South Elm/Lee Street Development Project. She has also given back to the community in other ways, serving on the boards of Malachi House, and of Bennett College as well as helping to found Summit House.

GEDA President, Dan Lynch commented, "Yvonne Johnson is one of Greensboro's most precious treasures. Her work, energy, and ability to bring people together have left a lasting impact and we owe her a debt of gratitude for her focus on the importance of economic development."

A member of the Greensboro Partnership, Greensboro Economic Development Alliance's mission is to facilitate the creation of high quality jobs, attract new capital investment, retain and expand existing businesses, improve per capita income and generally improve the quality of life in Greensboro and Guilford County.