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**North Georgia Community Foundation to Honor Philanthropists of the Year
And Woodrow Stewart Leadership in Philanthropy Honorees**
Philanthropy Day Luncheon set for Nov. 19 at First Baptist Church Banquet Hall

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (Nov., 2015) – The North Georgia Community Foundation’s 11th annual Philanthropy Day Luncheon will honor the Foundation’s 2015 Philanthropists of the Year and Woodrow Stewart Leadership in Philanthropy Award recipients on Nov. 19 at the First Baptist Church of Gainesville Banquet Hall.

Bob and Wanda Swoszowski are this year’s Philanthropists of the Year award winners. Paul Maney has been named the Woodrow Stewart Leadership in Philanthropy Award recipient.

“The generosity that the Swoszowskis and Paul have shown our community over the years sets an example for all to follow,” NGCF President/CEO Michelle Prater said. “Their work in the region will leave a lasting legacy.”

The Philanthropist of the Year honor is given annually to individuals known for their humanitarianism and good will.

The Swoszowskis have offered their financial support and leadership to more than 30 nonprofit organizations including the Medical Center Foundation, Gateway Domestic Violence Center, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and Junior Achievement. They have set up scholarship funds at Brenau University, University of North Georgia and Florida State University.

The Woodrow Stewart Leadership in Philanthropy Award is given to philanthropists who demonstrate dedication to providing leadership in support of causes important to the community.

Maney has provided support for many nonprofit groups in our area. He has helped the Northeast Georgia Health System, the Medical Center Foundation, Junior Achievement, the Rotary Club of Braselton, Eagle Ranch, the Jackson County Humane Society, Challenged Child & Friends and many others.

Individual tickets for the luncheon are \$50 and sponsorship opportunities for a table of eight begin at \$1,000. Call (770) 533-7391 for tickets.

Founded in 1985 by Lou Fockele and other business leaders, the North Georgia Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the spirit and quality of life in the Northeast Georgia community by building, managing and awarding charitable grants from a pool of community funds valued in excess of \$43 million. To date, more than \$50 million in grants have been awarded. The organization also promotes training and networking among the region's nearly 300 non-profits. For more information on the foundation and this event, please contact the foundation at www.ngcf.org or call (770) 533-7391.

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