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CITY OF CHAMBLEE RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S CIRCLE RECOGNITION

CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA, February 9, 2024—The City of Chamblee recently received a 2023 Governor's Circle Award for its outstanding achievements in community beautification and environmental sustainability. The Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF) presented the award in recognition of exemplary performance in litter reduction, waste minimization, and community greening.

To qualify for the Governor's Circle Award, affiliates must be certified and in good standing with Keep America Beautiful (KAB), the national nonprofit that oversees state and local programming. Additionally, the affiliate must be an active member of the KGBF network. Certified KAB affiliates are required to effect meaningful, positive, and lasting change by directly addressing community needs in the areas of litter prevention, recycling, waste reduction, and beautification.

"We believe everyone deserves to live in a clean, green, and beautiful environment," said Natalie Johnston-Russell, executive director of the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation. "The recipients of this award have made a tremendous effort to achieve that vision, and we're thrilled to recognize their achievements."

Keep Chamblee Beautiful was established by Chamblee resident Ms. Virginia Baker in July 1991 and conducted many community beautification activities. One of the organization's first efforts at sustainability was encouraging the city to place trash cans in the city parks. KCB has always enjoyed a great working relationship with the city, a collaboration made official in May 2019 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. This led to KCB becoming an official affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, which has allowed KCB to receive this Governor's Circle honor.

Today, KCB partners with the city to provide support to many sustainability projects throughout the community, including holiday tree recycling, Arbor Day, Rivers Alive, the household hazardous waste event, litter pickups, invasive species removals, stewarding the Keswick Forest Nature Trail, and sustainability education.

"In the past 30 years, Chamblee and KCB have grown simultaneously and made significant progress toward meaningful community sustainability," said Lori Conway, who served as board president from 2018 to 2023, and oversaw KCB's affiliation process with Keep America Beautiful. "I am so proud of what KCB has accomplished thus far and know these partnerships will lead to even greater achievements."

Photos (credit: Lori Conway, Chamblee Grounds and Greenspace Manager)

Photo 1: KCB President Mike Escobar and Chamblee Grounds and Greenspace Manager Lori Conway receiving KCB's certificate from Meagan Whitehead of Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation.

Photo 2: KCB President Mike Escobar, Chamblee Grounds and Greenspace Manager Lori Conway with State Representative Karen Lupton, House District 83.

About The City of Chamblee

Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.com for more information.

About the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation The Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation has a 46-year history of doing the little things that make a big difference in Georgia's communities. Established in 1978, we aim to educate and inspire Georgians to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environments. The Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation supports more than 70 local affiliates across the state, and its programs represent 80% of Georgia's population. We also strive to engage new communities and individuals in our efforts to end littering, promote recycling and waste reduction, and beautify communities. For more information, visit www.kgbf.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).