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SHRM-Atlanta IMPACT Award Recipients Announced at SOAHR 2017

ATLANTA (April 18, 2017) – The recipients of the 2017 SHRM-Atlanta IMPACT Awards, sponsored by The Home Depot, were announced during **SOAHR 2017**, SHRM-Atlanta’s 27th Annual HR Conference on March 30, 2017. The award, previously known as the Pegasus Award, recognizes individuals or teams in the profession of Human Resources whose actions or initiatives have demonstrated outstanding impact and benefit – above and beyond normal expectations – to their business, workforce, or the community.

The 2017 winners include:

Individual Category:

Matthew Owenby, Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer, Aflac
Janet Thomas, Director of Organizational Development, Genuine Parts Company
Bill Garrett, Director of Human Resources, Peach State Truck Centers
Jo Anne Hill, Director of Diversity and Employee Engagement, Aflac

Team (Department) Category:

The Georgia Department of Revenue

These HR professionals exemplify the meaning behind IMPACT: Innovation, Motivation, Performance, Achievement, Creativity and Transformation in the work that they do. “Showcasing the efforts of HR professionals within the SHRM-Atlanta community not only recognizes growth in our profession, but also highlights the personal brand and standing of the nominees and winners,” remarked SHRM-Atlanta CEO Jeanne Artime. “We’re proud to feature organizations that raise the bar and prioritize its people and their achievements.” Tom Spahr, Vice President of Learning & Development with The Home Depot added, “We believe that the city of Atlanta is a great place to do business because of the many outstanding human resources professionals that work hard every day to ensure our organizations are taking care of their employees and contributing to business results.”

The SHRM-Atlanta IMPACT Awards provide a platform to celebrate HR greatness and promote positive change in Atlanta companies. SHRM-Atlanta wants to honor leaders and departments for their hard work, entrepreneurial spirit, vision, inspirational leadership and innovation, as well as showcase the profound impact that HR can have on business results. Award nominations were solicited from CEOs, partners, peers, SHRM-Atlanta members or anyone else who wants to recognize an individual or department that is changing the way we work.

About SHRM-Atlanta

SHRM-Atlanta, founded in 1965, is one of the largest single-city Chapter affiliates of the national Society for Human Resource Management, with a current membership of over 2,300 individuals representing more than 1,300 large and small organizations in the metro Atlanta area. SHRM-Atlanta empowers Atlanta's HR professionals to enhance their skills and knowledge, develop their business and leadership acumen, and create best-in-class workforces and workplaces. SHRM-Atlanta's mission is accomplished by fostering a strong community of peers with which to share best practices and knowledge, designing high-impact professional development initiatives and leadership development opportunities, celebrating excellence in HR, and advancing thought leadership in the field. *Building exceptional Atlanta leaders is our business, one member at a time.* More information is available at www.shrmatlanta.org.