



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Suzanne Wilson Davis

404-979-2888

sdavis@handsongorgia.org

**HANDS ON GEORGIA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
New Advisory Board Established**

ATLANTA, January 31, 2008 - Hands On Georgia Board of Directors introduced a slate of six new members at its January meeting in Atlanta.

New members of the board are Sylvia Anderson, president, AT&T Georgia; Billy Blanchard, executive vice president of retail banking, Columbus Bank & Trust; John Jamieson, senior vice president of retail operations, SouthStar Energy Services; Kevin McCarthy, president & CEO, Tangent Media LLC; Mark O'Connell, former president, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta; and Vickie Williamson, community volunteer leader of Monroe.

"With the selection of these outstanding individuals, Hands On Georgia is poised to further the organization's goal to strengthen statewide community-based volunteerism," said Eric Tanenblatt, Hands On Georgia Board Chairman. "Collectively, they bring diverse business expertise, dedication to service and knowledge of the varied needs of our state."

The board also established an advisory board comprised of eight former board members. Members of the newly created advisory board are: Lisa Borders, president, Atlanta City Council; Ingrid Saunders Jones, senior vice president, The Coca Cola Company; Gilbert Miller of Columbus; Ceasar Mitchell, associate, Epstein, Becker & Green, P.C.; and Mary Moses of Augusta.

"I look forward to the work of the new advisory board. Their continued commitment to Hands On Georgia is to be commended," Tanenblatt added.

About Hands On Georgia

Hands On Georgia is a statewide network that supports innovative volunteer approaches to meeting Georgia's critical needs through service and civic engagement. Hands On Georgia calls upon the citizens of Georgia to help tackle tough issues in our state through volunteer service and engaged citizenship. Hands On Georgia has 19 member organizations across the state including the communities of Adairsville, Athens, Atlanta, Columbus, Dalton, Dooly County, Forsyth County, Glynn and McIntosh Counties, Hall County, Harlem, Liberty County, Macon, Milledgeville, Newton County, Statesboro, Rome/Floyd County, Savannah, Wayne County and Thomas County. For more information, visit www.handsongorgia.org or call (404) 979-2842.

###