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QUALITY RESPONSIBILITY VISION INTEGRITY



## **Dan T. Cathy Named 2015 Four Pillar Award Recipient**

**The Council for Quality Growth is pleased to announce that we will honor Dan T. Cathy, President & CEO of Chick-fil-A, Inc., with the 2015 Four Pillar Award.** Mr. Cathy is the 26<sup>th</sup> recipient of this annual leadership award, and he will be recognized at the Four Pillar Tribute on Thursday, October 1 at the Georgia World Congress Center.

A who's who of Metro Atlanta and Georgia have assembled to pay tribute to Cathy as Tribute co-chairs for his demonstration of the "Four Pillars" of leadership – Quality, Responsibility, Vision and Integrity.

The Tribute Co-Chairs include:

- **Frank Blake**, Former Chairman and CEO, The Home Depot
- **Ted Blum**, Managing Shareholder-Atlanta, Greenberg Traurig, LLP
- **Paul Bowers**, Chairman, President and CEO, Georgia Power Company
- **Rodney Bullard**, Vice President, Community Affairs at Chick-fil-A, Inc.
- **Vince Dooley**, Former Head Coach and Athletic Director, University of Georgia
- **Larry Gellerstedt**, President and CEO, Cousins Properties
- **Jack Harris**, President and CEO, Junior Achievement of Georgia
- **Virginia Hepner**, President and CEO, Woodruff Arts Center
- **Muhtar Kent**, Chairman and CEO, The Coca-Cola Company
- **The Honorable Kasim Reed**, Mayor, City of Atlanta
- **H. Jerome Russell**, President, H.J. Russell & Company
- **John Stephenson, Jr.**, President and CEO, College Football Hall of Fame
- **Dr. Charles Wilmer, M.D.**, Chief of Patient Outreach, Piedmont Heart Institute

The theme of this year's tribute will be "Climb with Care and Confidence," which is one of the many lessons Cathy learned from his late father, Chick-fil-A, Inc. founder S. Truett Cathy. His tenure officially began with the family business in 1975, and he has served as the President and COO since 2001 and became Chairman and CEO in 2013. Cathy is also committed to the prosperity of Atlanta.

He has been a vocal proponent of investment and community improvement in Atlanta's most impoverished neighborhoods. To help further these efforts, the Council for Quality Growth will be making a gift in Cathy's honor to causes supporting Atlanta's Westside communities.

"Dan is devoted to continually improving the Greater Atlanta community," said Tim Lowe, 2015 Chairman of the Council for Quality Growth. "His passion for and commitment to communities throughout metro-Atlanta gives us insight into the measures he is taking to bring growth and prosperity to areas of the city that need it most."

Cathy is involved in a number of local organizations, including the Metro Atlanta Chamber, City of Refuge, Junior Achievement of Georgia, the College Football Hall of Fame, Morehouse College, Global Teen Challenge and Eagle Ranch.

The Council invites you to join us in celebrating Dan T. Cathy at Four Pillar Tribute on October 1. Sponsorships are available, and you may contact Amanda Janaskie, 770-813-3381 or [aj@councilforqualitygrowth.org](mailto:aj@councilforqualitygrowth.org), for more information. Additional event details are available at [www.fourpillartribute.com](http://www.fourpillartribute.com).

**About the Four Pillar Tribute:**

The Four Pillar Award & Tribute is a unique honor that celebrates the recipient's significant contributions to economic development and the region's quality of life. This prestigious award is unparalleled in the Atlanta region and has come to be known as the highest honor bestowed for the aforementioned contributions.

Past recipients of the Council's Four Pillar award include:

1990	Steve Reynolds
1991	Wayne Shackelford
1992	J.W. Benefield
1993	D. Scott Hudgens
1994	Wayne H. Mason
1995	Virgil R. Williams
1996	Paul A. Duke
1997	Jim Cowart
1998	J.D. Caswell
1999	A. Ray Weeks
2000	Richard L. Tucker
2001	Louise Radloff
2002	George Busbee
2003	F. Wayne Hill
2004	Charlie Brown
2005	Senator Johnny Isakson
2006	John Wieland
2007	John A. Williams
2008	Tom Cousins
2009	Mayor Shirley Franklin
2010	Arthur M. Blank
2011	R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr.
2012	Sam Massell
2013	John Portman
2014	Steve Selig