



2026 Sponsorship Information Kit



Event Details

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026
5:30 PM - SILENT AUCTION
& SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM - DINNER & PROGRAM

GEORGIA AQUARIUM
225 BAKER ST. NW
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30313
Business Attire



2026 Co-Chairs

Serena Levy, *Southern Company Gas*
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2026 Host Committee

Ken Bernhardt <i>Georgia State University Emeritus</i>	David Duke <i>Living Stories Film & Video</i>	Daniel Toon <i>United Forming, Inc.</i>
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The 2026 Honorees



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Christian City's
Community
Champion Awards
has raised over
\$2,000,000
to date...



INDIVIDUAL – MICHAEL RUSSELL

Michael Russell has served as chief executive officer of H. J. Russell & Company in Atlanta, Georgia, since 2003. H. J. Russell & Company, founded over 60 years ago, is a vertically integrated service provider specializing in construction and program management services.

The company has extensive experience in building and renovating projects in diverse market segments including mission critical data center, public assembly, multi-family residential, sports facilities, student housing and healthcare. Mr. Russell is the vice chairman of Concessions International, an innovator in the airport food and beverage concessions industry.

The Russell Companies, which consists of H. J. Russell & Company and Concessions International, employs more than 2,000 individuals with operations in 10 major cities including Atlanta, location of its headquarters; Dallas; Boston; Miami; Seattle; Denver; and the US Virgin Islands. Russell's civic involvement includes serving as Chairman of the board of The Atlanta Committee for Progress, and as a board member of the Georgia Research Alliance and National Association of Corporate Directors. He is on the executive committee of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club, AEC Unites, and 100 Black Men of Atlanta. Mr. Russell received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia and his MBA from Georgia State University.



NONPROFIT – YMCA OF METRO ATLANTA

The YMCA of Metro Atlanta serves the region through inclusive, community-centered programs that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Guided by its mission to strengthen spirit, mind, and body, and its vision of building communities where everyone belongs, the Y offers a comprehensive range of services—from early childhood education through its Head Start and Early Head Start programs, to teen leadership development, youth sports and aquatics, wellness initiatives for adults and seniors and hunger-relief outreach. A hallmark of the YMCA's commitment to youth development and community engagement is its partnership with the Atlanta Hawks. This collaboration expands access to youth sports, particularly basketball—and provides vital support for the YMCA's programs across Metro Atlanta. As part of this partnership, the YMCA proudly serves as the Official Jersey Patch Partner of the Atlanta Hawks, with the organization's iconic Y wordmark featured on all Hawks uniforms. Since its founding in 1858, the YMCA of Metro Atlanta has continuously evolved to meet the needs of its communities, now creating millions of meaningful experiences each year and engaging hundreds of thousands of individuals. Its dedication to accessibility is reflected in robust financial assistance programs, ensuring that children and families of all backgrounds can participate and thrive.



CORPORATE – GOOGLE

Google has made a strong commitment to giving back to the Atlanta community through investments in technology, education and economic development. With a major office in Midtown and a data center in Douglas County, the company contributes to the region's growth while supporting local organizations and residents. Through Google.org, the company has pledged millions of dollars to empower local nonprofits and expand access to digital skills, including a \$1 million grant to the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta for Artificial Intelligence training and another \$1 million to the Urban League of Greater Atlanta to help residents gain high-growth job skills. Google also partners with diverse community groups such as 100 Black Men of Atlanta, the Southern Center for Human Rights and the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta. Economically, Google helped generate an estimated \$17.7 billion in activity across Georgia in 2024 and collaborated with the City of Atlanta on the Atlanta Beltline Marketplace to uplift Black, Latino and women-owned businesses. Its expansion of Google Fiber continues to address digital equity across metro Atlanta. In education, Google works closely with local Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Technical College System of Georgia to provide no-cost Career Certificates and advance tech education. Partnerships with organizations like Learn4Life, the Atlanta University Center and Clayton State University further demonstrate Google's dedication to equipping students and educators with AI and STEM skills, ensuring a more inclusive and tech-driven future for Atlanta. Google's generosity to Christian City's programs has focused on creating economic opportunity for disadvantaged youth.



Previous Honorees

2025

Individual – Mayor Andre Dickens
Nonprofit – Goodwill of North Georgia
Corporate – Georgia Power

2024

Individual – Marty Kemp
Nonprofit – The Junior League of Atlanta
Corporate – Jackson Healthcare

2023

Individual – Bill Rogers, Jr.
Nonprofit – Peach Bowl
Corporate – The Atlanta Braves

2022

Individual – Egbert Perry
Nonprofit – Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Corporate – Norfolk Southern Corporation

2021

Individual – Dan Cathy
Nonprofit – 100 Black Men of Atlanta
Corporate – The Home Depot

2019

Individual – Stephanie Blank
Nonprofit – Westside Future Fund
Corporate – Delta Air Lines Inc.

Your gift to the 2026 Community Champion Awards has great impact and supports the programs of Christian City.

THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AT CHRISTIAN CITY has provided safety, stability, and love in a traditional family setting to vulnerable children for six decades. The children who come to us have experienced a range of difficulties: poverty, trauma, neglect, and/or homelessness. As in a family, no two children are alike. Each child receives a high level of care to meet their individual needs. We are intentional about exposing the kids to healthy supporting relationships, so they learn how to develop close, trusting relationships. We provide an appropriate learning environment for each child. The kids become involved in extracurricular activities at school and in the community, participate in children's church/youth group, attend summer camps, and have part-time employment when they are old enough. **Your support will help children in our care move beyond generational poverty and gives them the opportunity for hopeful, fulfilling lives.**



CROSSROADS FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION PROGRAM focuses on children who, through no fault of their own, are among the most difficult to place: teens, large sibling groups, and kids with behavioral or medical needs. Crossroads offers specialized training and support for couples who want to adopt or foster these kids. More than 10,000 children are in foster care in Georgia. Nearly one-third of them are teens between the ages of 13-17 years old. Most have experienced neglect or abuse. All of them need a stable, loving family. Crossroads' exceptional support services help expedite permanency for these kids, which in turn, reduces their trauma and brings the hope of a brighter future. **Your support will help more teens, sibling groups, and children with special needs become part of loving, supportive families.**

SAFE PLACE responds 24/7 to calls for help from runaway or homeless youth across metro Atlanta. Christian City, a licensed Safe Place agency, has staff who will pick up the caller within 60 minutes and bring them to a safe place while finding a long-term solution for their care. There are more than 3,000 homeless youth in metro Atlanta. One-third of these teens will be solicited for sex trafficking within 48 hours of being on the streets. **Your support will help get teens and homeless youth off the streets to a safe place where they can heal.**

THE THRIVE PROGRAM AT CHRISTIAN CITY fills the void when teens age out of foster care. The program provides housing, supportive services, life-skills education, and appropriate supervision on our campus for youth 18-24 who want to gain

the skills to be successful in life. More than 40% of the 700 teens who age out of the system annually will be homeless within a year; 51% won't be able to find and keep a job. Given the tools to succeed, these youth can instead thrive! **Your support will help young adults get the housing, resources, and life-skills they need to grow into healthy, productive adults.**

THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM AT CHRISTIAN CITY provides a variety of resources for working families facing a crisis - from emergency financial services to housing and food to therapy and education - to help strengthen and stabilize them, preventing homelessness and/or the need for state intervention. **Your support will provide resources and services to keep families together and help prevent the need for state intervention.**



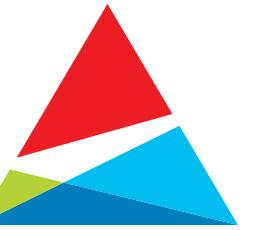
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ACTIVE SENIOR LIVING AT CHRISTIAN CITY partners with PruittHealth and National Church Residences to offer affordable retirement homes and apartments, as well as assisted living and skill nursing centers, to nearly one thousand senior residents on our wooded 500-acre campus. Our wide range of activities, services, and opportunities to volunteer offer an active, neighborly place to call home.

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Sponsor Benefits

	PLATINUM \$50,000	GOLD \$25,000	SILVER \$10,000	BRONZE \$5,000
Special ad in event program book	★			
Special sponsor recognition at the 2026 Christian City Christmas Star Run	★			
Logo/name placement in Atlanta Business Chronicle full-page pre-event and post-event ads	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
One table for 10 guests, with premium location	★	★		
One table for 10 guests	★	★	★	★
Recognition in printed program and at live event	★	★	★	★
Logo/name placement in all promotional material	★	★	★	★
Recognition on Christian City website and Impact Report	★	★	★	★
Recognition in Christian City news releases and social media posts	★	★	★	★

Sponsor Commitment

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: (check one)

Platinum Sponsor \$50,000
 Gold Sponsor \$25,000
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 Bronze Sponsor \$5,000

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*Company logo in .eps format should be e-mailed to: erand@christiancity.org

*Invoices available upon request.

*Funds generated from the Community Champion Awards event support Christian City's mission.



Mail payment along with this form to:

Christian City Development Dept.
7345 Red Oak Road, Union City, GA 30291
770-703-2614

***For more information, contact Lissa Rand at 770-703-2614 or erand@christiancity.org**



About Christian City

Christian City is open to all people regardless of their worldview. Our Christian faith compels us to serve all. We are a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1965, that provides vibrant living, life-changing hope and a community of loving friends. Christian City envisions a world where the most vulnerable among us have a safe home and loving community, which enables them to thrive. Our mission is to extend Christ's call to love your neighbor through housing, healthcare, crisis intervention, and building community for children, youth, families, and senior adults.

