An Artful Affair: Georgia Appleseed's 5th Anniversary Celebration

More than 200 attendees gathered for the **2011 Good Apple Award Dinner** on April 28th at Mason Murer Fine Arts to honor the founding firms whose support made the launch of Georgia Appleseed possible: **Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP**, **King & Spalding LLP**, **Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, LLP** and **Southern Company**. Making their involvement even more significant are the number of volunteers from these firms that are actively involved in the meaningful social justice projects that distinguish Georgia Appleseed's pro bono opportunities.

**Diane Prucino**, Co-Managing Partner at Kilpatrick Townsend, expressed it this way. "As a law firm that takes its pro bono obligations very seriously, Georgia Appleseed's approach really works for Kilpatrick Townsend for several reasons. First, it provides exciting, cutting edge work on interesting societal issues. Second, it provides us with a way of finding meaningful pro bono work for lawyers who are not litigators. Third, it provides a mechanism for us to develop interviewing, listening and writing skills among our younger lawyers. Fourth, it provides us a way to engage our most seasoned lawyers in helping address our community's most challenging issues." Her own first-hand involvement demonstrates the point. She continued, "The most recent project, Effective School Discipline, is one that I personally participated in last year....As a team member, I spent a fascinating day interviewing probation officers and judges in Gainesville, Georgia."

We are grateful to Diane and to all the 700 legal and other professionals who have volunteered since 2005 on Georgia Appleseed initiatives, contributing collectively almost $2 million in time. We look forward to the next five years and the opportunity to celebrate other exemplary 'Good Apples' like our founding firms.

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Coming soon! Watch for the release of our report, *Effective School Discipline*:...