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**ELLEN AND JOHN YATES NAMED 2009 DECATUR-DEKALB YMCA VOLUNTEERS OF YEAR**

ATLANTA (October 13, 2009) – The Decatur-DeKalb Family YMCA is recognizing Ellen and John Yates as the 2009 volunteers of the year. The Yates will be honored at the Metro Atlanta YMCA annual volunteer recognition dinner Thursday, November 5, 2009, at the Georgia World Congress Center.

For more than 20 years, the Yates have spent hours serving their community through the local YMCA. “When we volunteer at the Y, we’re able to present a positive impact on the community and see results directly,” says John.

Since Ellen’s first childhood experience at a YMCA in Charlotte, N.C., she has remained an active Y member and volunteer. Currently, she serves as a Decatur-DeKalb board member, is active on the membership committee, and raises funds for the Partner With Youth annual campaign. This year she raised \$8,000 to provide assistance for those who cannot afford the cost of YMCA programs.

Ellen also volunteers at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta AFLAC Cancer Center, Winship Cancer Center at Emory University, and Young Audiences of Woodruff Arts Center.

John enjoys volunteering with Partner With Youth and also helps out at Happy Club events. The Happy Club is a social activity group for young adults with developmental disabilities. John is a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club, co-chair of United Way of Metro Atlanta Cole Society, and serves on the Board of Visitors at Duke University School of Law.

John is an attorney at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, where he is the partner-in-charge of the technology practice. A pioneer in the technology law field, he has practiced exclusively in this area for more than 28 years. The Yates have one son, Paul, a student at Furman University, and reside in Druid Hills.

The YMCA is a charitable organization open to people of all abilities, ages, beliefs, cultures, faiths, and incomes. Financial assistance is available based on need. For more information, visit [ddy.ymcaatlanta.org](http://ddy.ymcaatlanta.org), or call (404)377-9622.

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