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Retiring Guilford Center Deputy Director Honored with Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award from the State

Greensboro – Ida Glasgow, Deputy Director of the Guilford Center, received top honors this week for extraordinary service to the State of North Carolina. Glasgow joined the ranks of fellow Tar Heels Maya Angelou, Billy Graham, Bob Timberlake, and Michael Jordan when she was awarded the prestigious **Order of the Long Leaf Pine** award at a retirement celebration held in her honor on December 15 at the Guilford Center. Guilford County **Commissioner Paul Gibson** presented the award on behalf of Governor Beverly Perdue.

Ida Glasgow has been the Deputy Director of the Guilford Center since 1994. However, her history with the agency spans 34 years. As a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Glasgow began her career as a teacher trainer and case consultant where she worked with high-risk youth at several local elementary schools, managed an after-school program and worked as a parent educator at community housing projects. Glasgow left County employment to pursue her Master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She returned to the Guilford Center as a community health educator in 1980.

Glasgow's leadership has earned previous recognition from Guilford County. In 1986, she was named Supervisor of the Year. In 1998, she received the Marathon Achievement Award for creativity and innovation in job performance, professional involvement and community service. Billie Martin Pierce, the Guilford Center's Director, honored Glasgow in 2001 with a Certificate of Merit for her involvement in helping the Guilford Center provide outstanding customer service.

Billie Pierce had these comments regarding Ida Glasgow's retirement from public service: "Ida Glasgow and I have perfectly complemented one another as a work team for many years. Ida is an expert in defining processes and creating order out of chaos. She has been a tremendous asset to the Guilford Center and to Guilford County. Ida will be greatly missed on many levels."

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