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**Families First's Honorary Board Member, Lucy Carpenter Vance,
Named Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year**

*Award Issued by the Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Fundraising
Professionals in celebration of National Philanthropy Day*

ATLANTA – **Families First, Inc.** Atlanta's oldest, and one of the city's largest, non-profit organizations proudly congratulates former Board Member and current Honorary Board Member, **Lucy Carpenter Vance** for being awarded the **Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year** award, by the **Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)**. **The honor is sponsored by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.** Ms. Vance was nominated by both Families First and **The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc.** in recognition of her tireless philanthropic and fundraising efforts for a variety of charities and causes that support the health and wellbeing of the children of Metropolitan Atlanta.

Lucy Carpenter Vance has been a devoted volunteer and advocate for underserved children for many decades. Lucy has served Families First for more than 35 years, and her grandfather, James Comer Malone, served on the board of another organization that eventually merged with Families First creating a generational legacy of volunteer leadership. Ms. Vance is a past president of The Junior League of Atlanta, and she was also the co-founder with Jean Childs Young of the **Atlanta/Fulton Commission on Children and Youth**. In addition, she served as a trustee of **The Westminster School**, from which she graduated in 1961, and **Spelman College**, and she is a past member of the Executive Committee of **The United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta**.

"There are not enough accolades that can be bestowed on Lucy Vance," said Families First CEO Kim Anderson. "Many are called to volunteer, many even excel and do great work, but Lucy is truly in a class by herself. We are so pleased that AFP and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta has given Lucy this well-deserved recognition."

Last year, Ms. Vance served as the co-chair of Families First's \$13.2 million *Family Matters* capital campaign which made the agency's recent move back to the Westside possible. Now Families First's main office is located one mile from where the organization was founded 126 years ago on, what is now, the campus of Spelman College.

Her passion for volunteerism began at the **Atlanta Speech School** where she helped hearing impaired children. She was later recruited to serve on that organization's board, a position she held for 20 years and to which she was elected chairman during her tenure. Ms. Vance also served as a trustee of **The Jesse Parker Williams Foundation** for 18 years.



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"Lucy Vance embodies the mission of our organization," stated Junior League of Atlanta President, **Deanna Anderson**. "Her commitment to volunteerism and dedication to improving the lives of women and children exemplify a proven legacy of leadership and we are delighted by the recognition of this exceptional civic leader."

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