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Governor McDonnell presents Progressive Business Practice Award to Southside Nonprofit

HOPEWELL, VA— Governor Bob McDonnell presented Southside Community Partners with the Hopewell-Prince George (H-PG) Chamber of Commerce Progressive Business Practice Award sponsored by The Matthews Law Group at the Chamber’s 91st Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner. The event took place at The Lee Club on the Fort Lee campus yesterday with more than 400 attendees. The Progressive Business Practice Award recognizes a company or organization that develops and or implements cutting edge practices that receive local, regional, or national attention. The winner makes use of new technology and/or partnership synergy to improve performance and reach goals. The winner may also advocate the use of these practices within volunteer boards and organizations, community groups and also with clients.

“The important work of Southside Community Partners has positively impacted the region as a whole and the Hopewell-Prince George Chamber of Commerce Board members and staff directly through workshops, communication initiatives, and the partnership with the library – which has been a significant driver in the revitalization of downtown Hopewell,” stated H-PG Chamber Executive Vice President Becky McDonough. In 2009, Southside Community Partners (SCP), through their Learning & Leadership program provided workshops and training to more than 376 attendees impacting 134+ organizations. SCP also provides free access to the vast social and knowledge network, ConnectSouthside.org, positioning the Southside region at the forefront of communication and information exchange that supports building and strengthening our community. The Southside Community Partners Nonprofit Resource Center in the Hopewell Library provides a state-of-the-art resource for the success of the nonprofit sector. “The Center, like the library is becoming a meeting place and incubator for collaborative and innovative ideas and action,” stated Wendy Austin, Director of Southside Community Partners.

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