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SHELLEY ELDER IS RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 JAMES L. RHODEN, JR. AWARD FOR VISIONARY PHILANTHROPY

ATLANTA, December 13, 2022—[Cobb Community Foundation \(CCF\)](#) presented Shelley Elder with the 2022 James L. Rhoden, Jr. Award for Visionary Philanthropy at the Monday Marquee meeting of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The **James L. Rhoden, Jr. Award for Visionary Philanthropy** was created by the Board of Cobb Community Foundation in conjunction with its 10th anniversary in December 2003, to honor founder, Jim Rhoden. The award is voted on annually by the Board to recognize and honor a Cobb business and community leader who makes significant contributions to our community through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Nominees are recognized in Cobb County for their commitment to improving the quality of life for Cobb residents and meeting critical needs of the community as demonstrated by their leadership and/or service work.

CCF Board President Kim Gresh was the presenting speaker and praised Elder for her commitment to our community. “She gives of herself quietly and without any need to call attention to herself, and without any expectation of reward or return. Shelley has a core value of giving back and donates 25 percent of her gross income to charitable causes. But she doesn’t just give financially, she gives her time. Shelley serves on the boards of the YMCA, LiveSAFE Resources, The Extension, Cobb County Schools Foundation, Kennesaw Public Safety Foundation, North Cobb Rotary, Town Center Alliance, and Kennesaw Business Association. She has been a part of too many initiatives to name,” said Gresh.

Elder humbly accepted the award saying, “I’m so proud to be part of these efforts ... where we give and keep giving because that’s what’s important for our community.”

” Shelley is truly a driving force behind much of the good that happens in Cobb County. We are thrilled to be able to honor her in this way.”

Shelley is a partner at [Crane Elder Law Firm](#) where she works with her son Stephen. Their firm is well known for compassionately working to meet the needs of the community. We are proud to name Shelley Elder as this year's recipient of the James L. Rhoden Visionary Philanthropist award.

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About Cobb Community Foundation

In 1993, a group of Cobb business leaders recognized the community's need for a vehicle to invest in its future and created Cobb Community Foundation. We are a 501(c)(3) organization that uses the power of charitable giving and our role as community catalyst and convener to improve the quality of life in Cobb County and beyond. We are living our mission every day by inspiring charitable giving, building resources for the future and connecting donors who care with causes that matter. To learn more, visit cobbfoundation.org.

Pictured below:

2022 James L. Rhoden, Jr. Visionary Philanthropist Award Winner Shelley Elder and CCF President & CEO Shari Martin



Pictured Above: Shelley Elder accepts her James L. Rhoden, Jr. Visionary Philanthropist Award

