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### **School Foundations check presentation Press Release**

MARIETTA, GEORGIA - The Georgia Ballet presented checks to the Cobb Schools Foundation and the Marietta Schools Foundation totaling \$2140 at a recent Cobb Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Club breakfast. The donations to these foundations are the result of a benefit performance of ***The Nutcracker*** in December that included four "celebrity" dancers - well known community leaders - in addition to The Georgia Ballet's professional ensemble and 140 students from the school.

Since 2007, The Georgia Ballet has invited community leaders to join them onstage in ***The Nutcracker*** to raise awareness and funding for its own educational programming, as well as for other Cobb non profits. The list of celebrity dancers who have appeared in the production includes: Cobb County School District Superintendent **Fred Sanderson** (2010), Marietta City Schools Superintendent **Dr. Emily Lembeck** (2010), Cobb Chamber of Commerce Chairman and President/COO Bank of North Georgia **Rob Garcia** (2010), 2010 Cobb Executive Women Chair and Sr. VP/CFO Gas South **Sandy Miller** (2010), Chairman, Cobb County Board of Commissioners **Tim Lee** (2009), Southern Polytechnic State University President **Dr. Lisa Rossbacher** (2009), celebrated chef **Johnnie Gabriel** (2009), CNN anchor **Tony Harris** (2009), Chairman, Cobb County Board of Commissioners **Sam Olens** (2008), Former First Lady of Marietta **Dot Dunaway** (2008), President Emeritus Kennesaw State University **Dr. Betty Siegel** (2008), Past Chairman, Cobb Chamber of Commerce and Marietta attorney **Fred Bentley, Jr.** (2008), Cobb County Superior Court Judge **Mary Staley** (2008) and Marietta City Councilman and Asst. District Attorney **Van Pearlberg** (2007 & 2008).

Photo Caption (Attached): Rob Garcia, President &CEO, Bank of North Georgia, celebrity dancer; Michele Ziemann-Devos, Executive Director, The Georgia Ballet; Sheri Brante, Executive Director, Cobb Schools Foundation;

Fred Sanderson, Superintendent, Cobb County Schools, celebrity dancer; Sandy Miller, Senior VP & CFO Gas South, celebrity dancer;

Dr. Emily Lembeck, Superintendent, Marietta City Schools, celebrity dancer; Tom Rocca, President Marietta Schools Foundation

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### About The Georgia Ballet

The Georgia Ballet, comprised of a professional dance company and a dance school, was founded in 1960. The Georgia Ballet's mission is to promote excellence in ballet performance and training, foster an increased public awareness and appreciation for dance, and provide dedicated and talented dancers with the opportunity for advanced level training and professional performance venues.