

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
CLASS OF 2012**

- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is proud to honor the 12 students of the 2012 graduating class of the Clayton County Grassroots Leadership Institute (GRLI). As part of the 13-week curriculum developed by the J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership, various community leaders were brought in to instruct students on leadership development, community building, effective communication, understanding and valuing diversity, group dynamics, conflict management and resolution, how to conduct a successful meeting and community leaders' role in economic development, community board service, and how to start a nonprofit; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of the Grassroots Leadership Institute is to identify, train, and nurture emerging leaders to better serve the needs of the Clayton County community. GRLI's purpose is also to prepare a generation of leaders to successfully address and meet future community challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** On a quarterly basis, GRLI students, board members, alumni, and community volunteers are assigned the task of developing and implementing a community service related program. Events range from workshops to seminars, to various other activities that help to raise citizen awareness and provide viable solutions towards improving the overall Clayton County community. The 2012 GRLI class project raised funds for Domestic Violence through a 5k run/walk and successfully donated \$1,900 to Securus House; and
- WHEREAS:** The Board of Commissioners applauds the 2012 Grassroots Leadership Institute class for taking on the challenge of addressing key issues in the county that will benefit the residents of Clayton County, Georgia; now
- THEREFORE:** I, ELDRIN BELL, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby support and proudly acknowledge **the 2012 graduating class of the Clayton County Grassroots Leadership Institute for a job well done.**

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 13th day of November in the year two thousand twelve.

Eldrin Bell, Chairman