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**Tarpley & Underwood, PC Partners With the Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs to Establish Scholarship Endowment.**

*Firm's Goodwill to Provide Financial Assistance for College-Level Accounting Students*

ATLANTA – Tarpley & Underwood, PC recently announced their commitment to the Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs Golden Anniversary Endowment Campaign, which facilitates scholarships for college accounting students, with a \$50,000 donation. The GSCPA will match the donation to create a \$100,000 scholarship endowment to be named the “Tarpley & Underwood Excellence in Accounting Scholarship.” Their contribution allows the named scholarship to be given in perpetuity.

“The health of the accounting profession is dependent upon the continuing flow of accounting students into the profession,” said Harvey Tarpley, partner, Tarpley & Underwood, PC. “We hope that our contribution will encourage and assist ‘the best and the brightest’ in their pursuit of an accounting degree. Further, we want the accounting professors to know that they have the support of those of us in the profession as they prepare students for a career in accounting.”

“It’s great to see a firm like Tarpley & Underwood leading by example and really making an impact on the future of accounting in Georgia,” said Scott Collins, chair of the Golden Anniversary Endowment Campaign.

Tarpley & Underwood was founded in 1978 as a two-person office in Decatur, Ga. Harvey Tarpley and Jim Underwood began with a vision for a full-service CPA firm that would offer Georgia businesses the professionalism and resources of a national firm coupled with tailored personal service that only a local firm could deliver. Their philosophy was to focus on understanding the clients’ financial situation and goals; then to bridge the gap. Providing such personal service remains the firm’s paramount goal. This commitment to outstanding service has led to continuous growth. Today the firm employs over fifty professionals and provides a broad range of services customized to serve the diverse needs of clients in a fast-paced marketplace. Tarpley & Underwood’s progressive and innovative management distinguishes us and enables us to provide the solutions to their clients’ dynamic objectives.

The Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs was formed to aid and advance education and research relating to the study, teaching, and practice of accountancy and allied fields. The Educational Foundation’s goals are accomplished primarily through the sponsorship of accounting awareness programs, numerous scholarship opportunities for students, and providing support for the accounting schools in colleges and universities throughout the state of Georgia.

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The Georgia Society of CPAs is the premier professional organization for CPAs in the state of Georgia. With over 11,000 members throughout the state, the purpose of the GSCPA is to promote the study of accountancy and applicable laws, provide continuing professional education, maintain high ethical and work standards, and provide information about accounting issues to the membership and the public. For more information, please access our web site at [www.gscpa.org](http://www.gscpa.org).