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UAB CENTER FOR AGING ANNOUNCES BYNUM AWARD WINNERS

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The reception and awards recognize the tremendous contributions of older adults to society as a whole and serves to thank those who have helped support research, education and service programs of the Center for Aging.

The winners of the 2008 Bynum Award are Steffen Waendelin and Dr. Thomas Alexander Symington Wilson.

The son of Danish immigrants, Waendelin came to Birmingham in 1955. He helped establish the Homewood Senior Center in 2002 and was named 2006 Homewood Citizen of the Year. He is an active volunteer with Friends of German Language and Culture, Southern Dance Works, the Homewood Citizens Association and the Homewood Senior Center.

A native of Birmingham, Wilson earned his medical degree at UAB in 1960 and completed residency here in general and thoracic surgery. He maintained a private cardiovascular and thoracic surgery practice in Birmingham for 31 years.

Wilson has been an active leader in the quest for quality care for senior citizens. He has been in the forefront of community activities, especially as they impact the elderly and infirm.

He served on the Board of Directors for St. Martin’s in the Pines from 2002-2006, serving on the team that created the Cottages at St. Martin’s in the Pines, a GREEN HOUSE® Community. This is the first facility of its kind to be built in Alabama and the second in the Southeastern region.

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He is a leader in the non-profit community for organizations such as the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, where he served on the Board of Directors for 10 years (1990-2000) and the Spring Valley School, a school for children from first grade through high school with learning difficulties.

The Bynum Award honors an adult 75 years or older who continues to work to improve the health and well-being of older adults in the community. The award, established in 2005, recognizes Robert Bynum's many years of service to older adults as Deputy Administrator of Social Security, as a member of the Alabama Commission on Aging, and as an employee and consultant for the Center for Aging.

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UAB CENTER FOR AGING ANNOUNCES NEW HORIZON AWARD WINNERS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The UAB (University of Alabama at Birmingham) Center for Aging will announce 10 winners of the 2008 New Horizons Award at the seventh annual "A Celebration of Life" awards reception, 2 - 4 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 19, at the UAB Highlands Hospital.

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The New Horizons Award recipients, all non-profit agencies, are:

- Alzheimer's of Central Alabama, an organization and resource center established in 1991 by a group of family caregivers to serve as advocates to improve the quality of life for families dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- The Assistance League of Birmingham, a chapter of the National Assistance League, is dedicated to helping those within the community to have a better, more meaningful way of life through community volunteerism and philanthropic efforts.
- Collat Jewish Family Services, which serves the needs of older adults and people of all ages, the financially disadvantaged, and the mentally and emotionally distressed, providing comprehensive social services and outreach and education programs to both the Jewish and general community.
- Episcopal Place, an organization that serves low income senior citizens and persons with disabilities with 140 apartments serving 150 residents from age 21 to 98 years of age.
- Fairhaven Retirement Center, one of 13 facilities of the Methodist Homes Corporation, whose mission is to provide a retirement community

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environment of abundant life, combined with the care of qualified professionals. Fair Haven is now Alabama's largest Senior Living Center.

- Hand-In-Paw, which provides effective animal-assisted therapy to special needs children, youth, adults, and the elderly with a focus on meeting their physical, mental, and social challenges. Hand-in-Paw provide services in over 50 facilities, including healthcare facilities, assisted living facilities, social service agencies, libraries and schools.
- The Lakeshore Foundation, whose mission is to enable people with physical disability and chronic health conditions to lead healthy, active and independent lifestyles through physical activity, sport, recreation, and research.
- The Seasoned Performers, founded in 1984, offers opportunities to senior adults to participate in theatre, bring live plays and dramatic readings to groups in community settings, and serves as a training base for senior adults wishing to expand their theatrical skills.
- Senior Talk Line (Crisis Center), which opened in 2001 to alleviate the isolation and loneliness that many senior citizens experience. The program not only gives seniors a place to voice their problems, but also provides caregivers and others concerned about elderly individuals with support and access to resources for the senior population.
- St. Martin's in the Pines provides a continuum of care and quality of life to aging individuals and their families through a comprehensive retirement community, with a skilled nursing center, an assisted living facility, a secure Alzheimer's community, Evergreen at St. Martin's, and a four story retirement apartment building.

The New Horizon Award recognizes not-for-profit organizations that have worked to enhance the health and well-being of older adults in the community. The award is named for New Horizons at UAB, a self-governing organization of older adults who design a curriculum to meet the diverse interests of its members.

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UAB CENTER FOR AGING ANNOUNCES MCCALLUM AWARD WINNERS

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The winners of the 2008 McCallum Award are Jean B. Morris and the Evelyn McKnight Brian Research Foundation.

Morris, a Birmingham resident since 1960, has been an active volunteer with St. Vincent's Hospital, the Crisis Center Rape Response, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the American Cancer Society. She is a member of the UAB Spain Rehabilitation Women's Committee. She assisted with the establishment of the Catholic Cable Network, EWTN, and met Mother Teresa in Calcutta while on a mission trip.

The Evelyn McKnight Brain Research Foundation was created by Mrs. Evelyn F. McKnight and her husband William L. McKnight, who were interested in the effects of aging on memory and were generous benefactors of research in this area. After William McKnight's death, Evelyn continued to support his interest in brain research. Before her death in 1999, she established the Foundation to provide support for medical research of the brain to accomplish alleviation of memory loss in the aging, including making grants to charitable organizations involved in such research.

The McCallum Award, named for former UAB president and current mayor of Vestavia Hills, Charles A. (Scotty) McCallum, Jr., D.M.D, M.D., recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service on behalf of the Center for Aging and its mission.

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