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## **Rep. Stacey Evans, First Lady Sandra Deal Support REACH Georgia**

**ATLANTA** – This week, Representative Stacey Evans hosted “Bubbles, Bites & Bling for a Cause,” a fundraising event for Georgia’s Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Program. First Lady Sandra Deal, University System of Georgia Chancellor Hank Huckaby, Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Gretchen Corbin and others turned out to purchase items from Stella and Dot’s jewelry line with the proceeds going to support the needs-based scholarship.

Rep. Evans, Rep. Robert Dickey, Rep. Calvin Smyre, Rep. Bubber Epps, Sen. Elena Parent, REACH Vice President Brad Bryant and Regent Sachin Shailendra pledged to match proceeds from the event. In total, over \$10,000 was raised for the REACH Georgia Program.

“I applaud Rep. Evans for planning and organizing this event on her own initiative. The fact that she is matching proceeds is just another reason she should be recognized for her outstanding efforts,” stated Shailendra, president, SG Contracting, Inc. and member of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents and the REACH Georgia Foundation.

Governor Nathan Deal launched REACH in 2012 as a key initiative of Complete College Georgia. School systems partner with REACH and identify academically promising, low-income eighth grade students who are then paired with a mentor and an academic coach. Upon graduation from high school, REACH scholars are awarded up to a \$10,000 scholarship to be used at a Georgia HOPE-eligible two- or four-year college.

### **About the Georgia Student Finance Commission**

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