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ACFB Founder and Director and His Impact on the Atlanta Community To be Recognized During ITC's Annual *Tribute to Excellence*

March 11, 2010 – Atlanta – Never before has the need to ensure that safe and good meals are available to all families, been as relevant to the times as now. But as many continue to struggle in this shaky economy where the middle class has transitioned to the working poor, Bill Bolling – Founder and Executive Director of the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB), has always felt the need to provide assistance to those not able to feed their family. Now that this devastating economy dominates the minds of many today, Mr. Bolling's visionary genius has earned him the Interdenominational Theological Center's (ITC) 2010 Travelin' Shoes Award, which will be presented to him on Friday, March 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown.

Bill Bolling is the founder of the Atlanta Community Food Bank and has served as its executive director since 1979. In this capacity he oversees the distribution of more than 20 million pounds of good but unmarketable food and grocery products each year through more than 800 local and regional nonprofit organizations that feed the hungry. He is a frequent speaker on topics related to hunger, poverty, regionalism, affordable housing and public policy reform. His skills in bridging various public sectors have made him a leader in strengthening the community to serve those most in need. Prior to his association with the Food Bank, he served as director of community ministries for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta.

Mr. Bolling is a charter member of the Board of Directors of Feeding America, the national network of food banks (formerly America's Second Harvest). He currently serves on the Regional Commission on Homelessness, the Nonprofit Advisory Committee of the Andrew Young School at Georgia State University, and the Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta. He is founder of the Atlanta Housing Forum, begun in 1988, and continues to serve as moderator of the Regional Housing Forum. He is past chair of the Board of the Regional Leadership Forum and the State of Georgia Housing Trust Fund Commission.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Bolling holds degrees from Central Piedmont College and Appalachian State University in Business and Education. He received his Master of Arts Degree in Psychology and Counseling from West Georgia College in 1976. In July of 2003, he attended Harvard Business School, completing a course on Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management. He has served as an adjunct professor in the School of Management at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and has taught at Georgia State, Emory and Oglethorpe Universities.

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Further details about the Charter Day and James H. Costen Awards dinner are available at 404-527-7718 or on the ITC website at www.itc.edu.

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