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LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DAY CELEBRATED AT NOBIS WORKS REWORX CENTER

Marietta, Ga. (April 4, 2013) — The Cobb County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Office, in conjunction with Nobis Works hosted a **CDBG Day** on Thursday, April 4 at the Nobis Works Reworx Center, located in the Cobb International Business Center at 7000 Cobb International Boulevard in Kennesaw, Georgia.

The ceremony featured speakers **Tim Lee, Chairman**, Cobb County Board of Commissioners; **Mary Presley, Director** of the Georgia HUD Field Office and **Connie Kirk, President and CEO** of Tommy Nobis Center. Featured guests also included County Commissioners **JoAnn Birrell** and **Helen Gorham**, Districts One and Three, respectively, **Roxanne McIver**, HUD Community Planning and Development Representative, and staff of the Cobb County CDBG Program Office.

In an effort to highlight the tremendous success of the CDBG Program in Cobb County, the celebration also highlighted the Nobis Work's Reworx Center impact on the community and featured a tour of the recycling facility in Kennesaw. Since 2002, Nobis Works has received more than \$1 million in CDBG funds. Since the Reworx program began in 2009, 71 new fulltime jobs have been created, with more than 60 percent of the workforce comprised of persons with disabilities or barriers to employment.

"CDBG support of this organization says this community supports you," said Kirk. "And for every dollar CDBG has given, we have leveraged needed capital from private donors. That public-private partnership makes a huge impact."

The Cobb County CDBG Program Office administers a variety of federal grant programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The three major programs administered are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Home Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (formerly the Emergency Shelter Grant) Program.

Since 1982, the CDBG Program has brought more than \$99 million to Cobb County and its municipalities to fund public facilities and public services to improve the social, economic and physical environment of low and moderate income persons, as well as individuals with special needs residing in Cobb County.

"We were honored to be here today to recognize Nobis Works," said Presley. "Nobis Works is an excellent example of the purpose of this program and we commend Cobb County for the myriad of accomplishments."

Non-profit organizations receiving CDBG funds provide a wide variety of services, such as: after-school programs, day care, domestic violence and family crisis intervention, housing opportunities, shelter for the homeless and disabled, literacy programs, employment training and microenterprise assistance, senior services, transportation, and health care

services. In 2012, through a variety of eligible CDBG activities and program, ***Cobb County has served over 13,000 low to moderate income persons!***

“This program has an outrageous ability to stretch a dollar,” said Chairman Lee. “We believe in Cobb County and the past CDBG projects are significant to the folks that need it most.”

For more information about CDBG and the Cobb County program, please call the Cobb County CDBG Program Office at (770) 528-1455. For more information about Nobis Works and Nobis Works Reworx, visit <http://www.nobisworks.org/>.

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