



*"So honored to have been part of Turknett Leadership Group and the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership event. **Dr. Bob Turknett** and his partner, **Lyn Turknett** are the epitome of Servant Leadership. Add my Leadership Atlanta friend, **Pat Falotico**, CEO of Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership and you have an unbeatable team of inspirational leaders.*

*I thank my friend and sister, **Susan O'Dwyer** for nominating me for this prestigious award. The nomination was much more than I expected or deserved. Sitting with Susan, my wife, **Beth Steele** and my mentor, friend and the founder of The Atlanta Community Food Bank, **Mr. Bill Bolling** was as great a reward as possible.*

*The best part is we all spent time with true greatness because the "Lifetime Achievement Award" winner is one of my heroes for the past 40+ years, **the Honorable, Andrew Young**. Although I knew and respected him from the early 1970's living in Columbus, I did not meet Andy until the day he was sworn in as Mayor of Atlanta in 1981. I bought my first tuxedo for the occasion and I am wearing it at the After Party in the first photo below. Too big an event to wear a rental tux in my opinion. :-)*

Over the past 37 years, I have been blessed to watch him from a far and at times up close and personal in Atlanta, Chicago, Washington, DC, New York and even once in London. Andy is a national treasure everyone in Atlanta should respect. "

Richard "Ricky" Steele CEO Steele Technology Partners
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