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**DEBORA CARSWELL, OF ORLANDO, APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S
COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Governor Charlie Crist appoints banker and volunteer Debora
"Debbie" Carswell to Volunteer Florida.*

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Charlie Crist recently appointed Debora "Debbie" Carswell, of Orlando, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida).

Carswell currently serves as the Executive Vice President of SunTrust Bank's Private Wealth Management Group for the state of Florida. She began her SunTrust career in 1985 in Jacksonville, where she worked in Retail Banking, Commercial Banking and Private Wealth Management. In 2000, she moved to South Florida to assist the bank in developing a Private Banking unit in that market. In 2005, she was asked to lead the Florida Group's Private Wealth Management team. She relocated to Orlando with that assignment in 2006.

Carswell's community involvement includes serving on the local boards of The American Red Cross, Cerebral Palsy, and Uptown Civitan, as well as committee involvement with United Way of Northeast Florida, the Junior League, and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

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Carswell is a graduate of Florida State University, and the Florida Banker's Association's Graduate Trust School. She is an alumna of Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 1992.

"I am excited to welcome Debbie as a new Commissioner," said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. "Her community involvement, especially her experience serving with the American Red Cross, will be of great value as Volunteer Florida strives to fulfill its role as coordinator of volunteers and donations as part of the State's Emergency Response Team."

Commissioners drive Volunteer Florida's mission, and are actively involved in volunteer and service activities. They are a diverse, bipartisan group of citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate.

The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; supports the Governor's priorities through the creation of innovative volunteer programs, and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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