

Jeffrie Receives Ruby Wharton Award



On February 16, 2009, Executive Director Jeffrie Bruton was presented with the Ruby R. Wharton Outstanding Woman Award for Business by Ruby Wharton and Mayor A C Wharton at their Seventh Annual Tea and Talk at the Top (see photo above). This special award recognizes women in six categories who have made significant contributions to the Shelby County community. Jeffrie was honored for her work as a leader in the field of developmental disabilities.

Congratulations to Jeffrie and all the other women who received awards in their respective categories: Brenda Taylor, director of compliance for Shelby County Head Start for Early Childhood Development; Nettie Rogers, founder of the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship for Youth and Delinquency; Johnnie Turner, executive director of the local branch of the NAACP for Race Relations; Louise Patterson, widow of the late Church of God in Christ Bishop G.E. Patterson for Women's Rights; and Dorothy Jones, founder of the Memphis Area Women's Council and Network for Politics.

This is not the first time Jeffrie has been recognized for her outstanding dedication to SRVS. She was named one of "50 Women Who Make A Difference in Memphis" by Memphis Woman Magazine in 2002 and received the Tennessee Network of Community Organization's (TNCO) "Executive of the Year Award" in 2006. Jeffrie currently serves as the TNCO treasurer of the Board and on various state and local committees under the Division of Mental Retardation Services. The staff and board at SRVS congratulate Jeffrie on her much deserved award and for her longstanding commitment to championing the rights of people with developmental disabilities to live active, productive and independent lives.