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**FORSYTH COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED**  
**FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**

*Finance Department receives award for eleventh consecutive year*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – For the eleventh consecutive year, Forsyth County has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The recognition was presented to Forsyth County for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that was issued for Fiscal Year 2010.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Forsyth County has received this award each year since 2000.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was also awarded to Finance Director/CFO David Gruen, as the individual primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning 2010 CAFR.

Forsyth County's CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

"The entire Finance Department is to be commended for this recognition," said Gruen. "This award reflects the professional work performed by the department, as well as Forsyth County government's commitment to transparency in our financial operations."

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