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

*Finance Department receives award for thirteenth consecutive year*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – 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) for the thirteenth consecutive year. The recognition was presented to Forsyth County for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) issued for Fiscal Year 2012.

“As a detailed report on the county’s financial status, the comprehensive annual financial report is a component of the collaborative effort that goes into developing the county government’s budget,” said County Manager Doug Derrer. “Each year citizens, elected officials, constitutional officers and county staff work together to prepare a financial plan that allows us to carry out the county’s mission and vision while maintaining high standards of service to the community. I extend my appreciation and congratulations to everyone involved in this project.”

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.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was also awarded to Forsyth County Finance Director/CFO David Gruen, as the individual primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning 2012 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

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communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The CAFR is available for review on the Finance Department page of the county Web site at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com).

“This award reflects Forsyth County government’s commitment to transparency in our financial operations and certainly would not have been possible without the professional work performed by the Finance Department staff,” Gruen said. “The entire Finance Department is to be commended for this recognition.”

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

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