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**ATLANTA MAGAZINE BESTOWS UPON
THE CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER
A “2008 BEST PLACE TO WORK” DESIGNATION**

ATLANTA, Georgia, JUNE 16, 2008. The Chattahoochee Nature Center is proud to announce that it was named by Atlanta Magazine a “**2008 Best Place To Work.**” The list of forty exceptional companies includes the Chattahoochee Nature Center, ranked # 26, a bank, several law firms, a radio station, and a lingerie manufacturer. “What is common across all these companies is attention to employee welfare and creating an environment where people feel invested in their jobs,” says Rebecca Burns, editor in chief of Atlanta Magazine. “In today’s economy, as people are being asked to do more and resources are limited, putting employee welfare first isn’t just the right thing to do, it’s a smart thing to do from a business perspective,” says Burns. “Our survey is unique because nominations came from employees, not management. That’s a testament to how successful these forty employers are at generating workplaces people love.”

Nowhere is this more evident than at this beloved North Fulton non profit, the Chattahoochee Nature Center, which employs fulltime and part-time employees, plus an army of hundreds of dedicated volunteers. After years of intense planning and successful fundraising, the Chattahoochee Nature Center recently held a groundbreaking ceremony to herald the beginning of the construction phase of its new 10,000 square foot, LEED-certified **Discovery Center and Pavilion**. The new facility will serve as the **Interpretive Center for the entire Chattahoochee River**, and will be a wonderful asset to the citizens of the region.

“There has been an enormous amount of blood, sweat and tears poured into this organization by everyone involved to get us to this point, in the midst of so much change,” states Ann Bergstrom, Executive Director of the center. “Our staff has been an amazing force throughout the entire process. Their total dedication and incomparable work ethic have enabled us to grow and expand. I am very proud of the tireless efforts by each and every one of them.”

“It is wonderful to know that our employees find working here to be so satisfying.” said Christy Nilsson, MPA, CVA, PHR and Senior Director of Personnel and Support Services at the center. “Many staff members put in long hours because they love what they do here; this is how we make a difference in our community every day,” she went on to say. She has been employed at the center herself since October 1998.

Lynn McIntyre, Senior Director of Community Relations shared her reason for enjoying her work at CNC, “Non profits work **for** our community.” “They contribute to our quality of life and I’m really proud to be associated with this talented group of dedicated professionals who work locally on global issues like the environment.”

A complete list of 2008 Best Places To Work can be found at <http://www.atlantamagazine.com>.