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STATE CONSUMER AGENCY PRESENTS CONSUMER SPIRIT AWARDS

Columbia, SC..... The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) announced the recipients of the 2008 Consumer Spirit Awards today at a Statehouse ceremony.

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, SCDCA Administrator, and Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Commission Chairman, awarded the following honorees: **Daniel Seamans**, WOLO-TV, ABC Columbia; **Mary Riley**, Chief of Staff, Senate Banking & Insurance Committee; **Sarah Leverette**, Columbia; **Bill Smith**, Columbia; **Shred 360**, Chapin; and **Drive Safe**, Columbia. (*Editor's Note:* Bios of all [award recipients](#) are attached.)

The *Consumer Spirit Awards* were established in 2005, during the SCDCA's 30th anniversary, to honor an individual or organization that has made a substantial contribution to the citizens and consumers of South Carolina. The awards program was so well-received that staff voted to make it an annual event.

Nominations were received from organizations and individuals statewide, according to Pinkston. "We're so excited to honor some of South Carolinas most active citizens," she said. "These consumers and organizations volunteer time and energy to improve the quality of life for consumers across the state. They deserve a lot of credit for their efforts."

Dr. Randolph praised volunteers and staff for conceiving an awards program that so accurately reflects the mission of the SCDCA. "One person, one organization, that's all it takes for a positive change to occur," he said. "That's what we're celebrating here – positive impact in the lives of South Carolina consumers."

For more information on the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs or the Consumer Spirit Awards, contact the Public Information Division at 803.734.4296, toll free in SC at 1.800.922.1594, or online at www.sconsumer.gov.

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Established by the Consumer Protection code in 1974, The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs represents the interests of South Carolina Consumers. Our mission is to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, mediation, enforcement and education.

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