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The Greater Sanford Regional Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian of the Year Award

On Friday, January 17th, 2014 the Greater Sanford Regional Chamber of Commerce recognized Andrew Thomas, Sr. Project Manager, City of Sanford with their first Humanitarian Award. As Senior Project Manager in the City Manager's Office, Andrew is responsible for Community Development and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) for the City.

Scholars tell us that a humanitarian is someone whose ethic of kindness, benevolence and sympathy extend universally and impartially to all human beings, one who is devoted to the promotion of human welfare and the advancement of social reforms.

Following the tragedy of Trayvon Martin and the spotlight that was focused brightly on our community, Andrew Thomas wrote an Action Plan for reuniting Sanford. It was titled "One City—Many Communities, Nine Point Plan" and concluded with these words, "The City of Sanford remains consistent with its philosophy of valuing civility, diversity and inclusion, and moves forward with a commitment and a resolve to improve community relations and promote peaceful conflict resolution."

"The Chamber, through our events committee, selected Andrew Thomas because of his commitment and efforts. He was instrumental in bringing our community together during a very difficult time while addressing major issues that impacted residents of our community. His lifelong commitment to humanitarian issues makes Sanford very fortunate to have him," said Frank Hale, Executive Director, Greater Sanford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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