



# Digital Ball® Celebrates Technology Innovation by Georgia Nonprofits

The TechBridge Digital Ball, presented by Accenture, is the signature gala event within Atlanta's technology community. The 2006 Digital Ball, themed "Lumina - Energy Unchained," not only energized TechBridge's corporate sponsors and nonprofit clients, but exceeded the organization's 2006 fundraising goals. The event, held May 6, 2006, at the Georgia World Congress Center, enjoyed more than 1,050 attendees and raised more than \$1 million in cash and in-kind donations to fund TechBridge operations and technology programs.

The Atlanta technology community made a strong showing at the 2006 Digital Ball, with 50

CIOs and CTOs from leading Georgia companies serving as hosts and Technology Innovation Award judges. 84 corporate sponsors supported the event, with Accenture serving as presenting sponsor for the 6th year. Becky Blalock, senior vice president and CIO of Southern Company and John Seral, CIO of GE Energy served as Co-Chairs for the 2006 event.

An Atlanta-based nonprofit that puts technology know-how in the hands of other nonprofits, TechBridge is an affiliate of the NPower Network, and provides professional affordable technology consulting services, innovative technology solutions and access to the

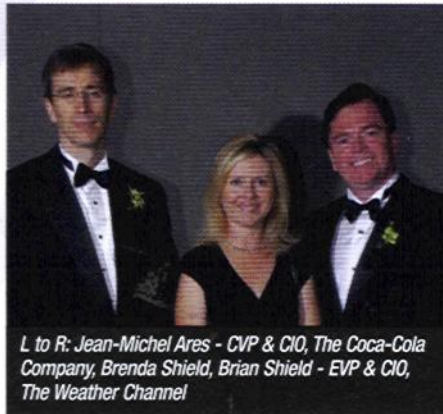
financial, technical and human resources that nonprofits need to be successful. "TechBridge and the work they do are wonderful examples of the power that technology has to transform our society for the better," according to Craig Ramsey, Atlanta Managing Director, Accenture.



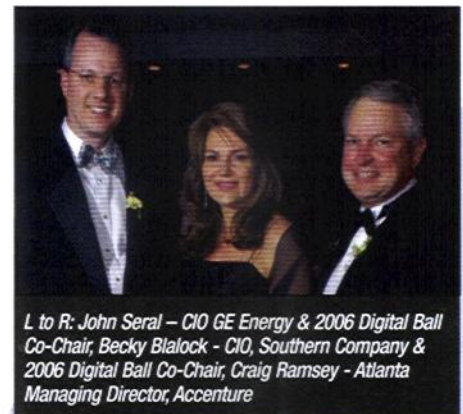
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L to R: John Seral - CIO GE Energy & 2006 Digital Ball Co-Chair, Becky Blalock - CIO, Southern Company & 2006 Digital Ball Co-Chair, Craig Ramsey - Atlanta Managing Director, Accenture



L to R: Craig Ramsey - Atlanta Managing Director, Accenture and Kathy Colbenson - CEO, CHRIS Kids

## CHRIS Kids Recognized for Technology Innovation

The highlight of this year's Digital Ball was the presentation of the annual Technology Innovation Award, given by Accenture, to CHRIS Kids. The award recognizes a nonprofit that has used technology to significantly impact its mission. CHRIS Kids recently implemented a web-based case management and reporting software that transformed the way the agency collects, stores, shares and aggregates data - all while maintaining strict government privacy

mandates. The solution enables them to create service plans for the youth they serve, conduct risk assessments, standardize outcome tracking and more.

CHRIS Kids received over \$40,000 in TechBridge services and Microsoft software, and a \$5,000 cash grant. Two finalists for the 2006 award, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greater Atlanta and Families First, each received over \$16,000 in TechBridge services, Microsoft software and cash.

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Save the Date: Saturday, May 5, 2007

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- Keep an eye on [www.techbridge.org](http://www.techbridge.org) for sponsorship opportunities starting September 2006.

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