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Leadership Donelson-Hermitage Receives Donation of a Decade Benevolent Binkleys Bestow \$3,000 to Bolster & Benefit Local Leadership Initiatives



Nashville, TN (March 10, 2007) On Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at the monthly Leadership Donelson-Hermitage (LDH) Board Meeting, prolific philanthropists and community conscience Donelson residents, Odell and Mary Evelyn Binkley, presented a \$3,000 check to LDH. The couple's donation, the most liberal received in the decade-long existence of LDH, was given to further the community-focused mission of the charitable organization, that prides itself on grooming and growing leaders of all backgrounds, ages and ethnicities.

The Binkleys, natives of Kalb Hollow in North Nashville and residents of Donelson since 1955, are widely known and beloved for their steadfast generosity. The list of Binkley benefactors is lengthy, as the couple's benevolence has bolstered a myriad of organizations personally, and through an arm of their unique eco-friendly business, the Odell Binkley C&D Landfill. The landfill being unique in the fact that it's "green", no trash allowed; and only accepts dry, construction and demolition materials and metals, recycling them for profit.

Seven years ago, in an effort to be a "viable part of the neighborhood", with the idea of "making the area better", the altruistic arm of their business, C&D Landfill Ministry, was born. With a large portion of the proceeds received from the landfill's recycled materials used to fuel the ministry; initially, Christian youth programs in various area churches were funded, including Central Pike Church of Christ, Central Pike Church of God and St. John's Lutheran Church.

Beyond borders, the Binkley's benevolence has bloomed through the years, flourishing to other local and national organizations; causes they are involved with and believe in, including the Donelson Senior Center, Donelson Civitan Club, McGavock High School, the Boy Scouts, independent youth league sports, the Kiwanis Club, the Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Monroe Carell Children's Hospital. Additionally, both Binkley's are cancer survivors, and for several years, have served as honorary Co-Chairs of Summit Medical Center's annual American Cancer Society benefit, "Relay for Life".

Said Odell Binkley, "Leadership Donelson-Hermitage is made up of community soldiers, out on the front lines, doing the work. Someone has to supply the ammunition. That's what the Binkleys are all about."

LDH is driven by a dedicated mission to unite caring and cognizant visionaries while providing platforms and offering opportunities for those with a true spirit of volunteerism and the desire to work for the greater good of the community. Through the LDH strategy of cohesively blending members' unique talents, distinct abilities and altruistic ambitions, LDH ensures the enduring enrichment and elevation of the emerging Donelson-Hermitage community.

Always In-Tune, In-Touch and In-Volved, LDH is devoted to **Developing Leaders for a Lifetime.**

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