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**Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. employee Sherman Blackstock (Doubletree Hotel Chattanooga) is awarded the employee of the year award in hospitality by the Mayor's Citizens with Disabilities Council.**

**Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 17, 2009** – Today, Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. employee Sherman Blackstock (Doubletree Hotel) was awarded the employee of the year award in hospitality by the Mayor's Citizens with Disabilities Council.

The Mayor's Council on Disability's overall mission is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that give equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability; and to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

"We are very proud of Sherman, not only for his day to day achievements at our hotel, but also for this community recognition. Sherman has become an integral part of our hotel, and is respected by everyone that works with him." Bill Mish, General Manager - Doubletree Hotel Chattanooga.

In 2007, while preparing to initiate staffing requirements for the hotel, a position for a dishwasher became available. At the same time Doubletree Hotel Chattanooga was contacted by Goodwill Industries asking if there were any available openings for "trained/skilled" dishwashers, and now the rest is history.

Sherman Blackstock, a 50 year old, intellectually challenged gentleman, was introduced to the Doubletree as a candidate. "Sherman, when introduced to us, stated that he enjoyed washing dishes and was a very good worker. That's all I needed to hear." concludes Joe Fidelibus, Director of Food & Beverage. "Since then, Sherman has been the smiling faced, hard working team member we all enjoy working with."

**About Vision Hospitality Group, Inc.**

Chattanooga-based Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. is a leading hotel management and development company that has grown successfully in the southeast through an unwavering commitment to quality and integrity. Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. develops, owns and operates premium select and full service hotels affiliated with Hilton, Marriott, Intercontinental and Hyatt.