



## **SANDY GURGONE PROMOTED TO CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING: VISION HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.**

**Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 29, 2011** – Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. is pleased to announce that Sandy Gurgone has been promoted to Corporate Director of Sales and Marketing for the entire VISION portfolio. Gurgone’s diverse sales experience and proactive oversight of companywide sales efforts in her role as Director of Revenue Management prompted Executive Vice President, Aman Patel to realize her potential and ultimately extend her the advancement opportunity. Patel envisioned the positive impact that she could make on the overall sales organization for the company. “Her solid work ethic, extensive sales experience, and immense revenue knowledge make her the ideal candidate for this very vital position,” said Aman Patel.

Gurgone joined VISION in April 2008, as the Revenue Manager for the “transitioning” Clarion Hotel in Downtown Chattanooga. She was very involved with the 27 million dollar conversion and eventual unveiling of the brand new DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Chattanooga Downtown. Shortly thereafter Gurgone was offered the corporate position of Director of Revenue Management for all VISION properties. In this role, her vast management knowledge ranging from Catering and Event Sales to Revenue Management forged a strong foundation for multi-unit Revenue Management.

Her professional hospitality career began in 1981 at the Schaumburg Marriott where her passion for hotels materialized. Quickly earning the trust and respect of her peers, Sandy built a 25-year career with Marriott International, Inc. Her knowledge of the industry is very thorough beginning as a banquet server, and consistently progressing upward to Restaurant Manager, Banquet Manager, and Sales Manager. Her personal drive afforded her promotion to such positions as Director of Catering, Director of Sales and Marketing, Director of Event Management, and Area Revenue Manager.

A native of Merrillville, Indiana, Gurgone hails from the western suburbs of Chicago. After an early retirement in 2005, Sandy and her husband Joe gave rise to the thoughts of relocating to build their dream home in Ooltewah, Tennessee. They were lured south by the moderate climate and the many natural benefits that Tennessee offers. Gurgone proudly confesses that her favorite distractions are her sons Matt and Rich and her grandson Matt, Jr., the apple of her eye. Her long history in Food and Beverage ignited a passion for gourmet cooking still one of her favorite hobbies today. Gurgone and her husband Joe are a very active duo, enjoying activities such as gardening, fishing on the Tennessee River, and Yoga classes together.



### **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 and Midwest regions through an unwavering commitment to quality and integrity by promoting a culture of empowerment and respect for our associates. Although the company’s roots date back to 1977, Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. was officially formed in 1999 by President & CEO, Mitch Patel. Still family owned and operated today with a corporate portfolio consisting of now 15 hotels with a market value of over \$225 million dollars. VISION develops, owns, and operates premium select and full service hotels affiliated with Hilton, Marriott, Intercontinental, and Hyatt brands. Please visit us on the web at [www.vhghotels.com](http://www.vhghotels.com)

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