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Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Honors Leslie Sanders

September 29, 2016. Montgomery, AL. – The Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club will honor Leslie Sanders, Vice President of the Southern Division of Alabama Power Company, at its fundraiser, the thirteenth annual Commitment to Service Award Charity Gala on March 3, 2017 at the RSA Activity Center.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Sanders has worked for Alabama Power for 30 years and held positions in Marketing, Public Information, Constituency Relations, and Governmental Relations. As head of the Southern Division, she oversees 660 employees serving 220,000 customers in South Central Alabama.

Each year the Montgomery Sunrise Rotary recognizes an individual for service to the Montgomery River Region. Sanders has been active in numerous civic organizations and charities, including the Alabama Children's First Foundation, Metro YMCA, former Chairman of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce and is active in the Workforce Development Arena. She currently serves as the chair of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and the Montgomery Riverfront Development Foundation. In 2015, Sanders was recognized as one of 34 Women Who Shape the State and has also completed a Fellows Program with the International Women's Foundation.

"We are extremely pleased to honor Leslie's contributions to the River Region," says Montgomery Sunrise Rotary President Willie Durham. "She exemplifies the Rotary motto, 'Service Above Self,' especially in her work to improve the lives of families and children in Alabama. We welcome any member of the community who wishes to attend and help us recognize her and her contributions."

A silent auction will precede dinner and presentation of the award. Funds raised by the event will go to select charitable organizations. Past charities have included Catholic Social Services, Montgomery Area Council on Aging, Forest Park Ministries, and Montgomery Area Non-Traditional Equestrians.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at http://www.c2sa.org/

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