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### **Bring Out the Dolls Honors Vanessa VanDyke for Overcoming Bullying**

(City of South Fulton, GA – December 13, 2019) Sponsors, donors and individuals who wanted to make a difference came to party with a purpose at the Third Annual Bring Out the Dolls event.

City of South Fulton District 2 Councilwoman Carmalitha Gumbs and Aime, LLC. founder Tracy Rolle hosted the fundraiser Thursday, December 12, 2019. The initiative started in Orlando, Fla. for Vanessa VanDyke, a girl who was told to cut and straighten her hair by her principal to avoid

being bullied. Attendees were asked to bring a doll in the hue that looked like the giver to help young girls feel comfortable with the way they look.

In honor of Vanessa's tenacity, Mayor William "Bill" Edwards and City of South Fulton councilmembers named Thursday, December 12, 2019 Vanessa VanDyke Bring Out the Dolls day in the City of South Fulton.

"Each year, this event continues to outweigh my expectations," Gumbs said. "The overwhelming response from our community really melts my heart and sets the tone for the holiday season of giving. The highlight of the evening was presenting Vanessa VanDyke with a proclamation for her courageous efforts. This continues to help other young people live in their truth and stand up to bullying."

Proceeds from the event will go to Social Justice Café for Girls, a non-profit organization that offers safe spaces for girls of color to discuss social issues and develop into globally-minded Social Justice Girls.

For more information about the Bring Out the Dolls event, visit [www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov](http://www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov). #COSFGA #WhereYouWantToBe

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