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## **THE CHATTANOOGAN HOTEL PROMOTES MEETING EXECUTIVE**

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** (October 13, 2009) -- The Chattanooga, Chattanooga's AAA Four Diamond-rated upscale hotel with state-of-the-art meeting facilities, has promoted Stacy Wheeler to the position of senior sales manager. In her new role, Wheeler will take on additional leadership responsibilities with the sales team and oversee group contracts. Ms. Wheeler will continue to manage corporate transient business and work with the Chattanooga, Knoxville and Dalton, Ga. markets.

Wheeler has worked at The Chattanooga for almost five years. She was hired as an account executive, and was promoted to sales manager after one year. Before joining The Chattanooga, Ms. Wheeler was the assistant event coordinator at Bluff View Art District in Chattanooga for two years. In that role, she planned special events for the various venues in the area. Wheeler also previously worked as a restaurant manager in Mississippi.

Ms. Wheeler received a B.S. in Hospitality Management from The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She is very active in the Chattanooga community, serving as the membership director for the local chapter of Executive Women International and as a member of the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Retention and Expansion Visitation Team. Wheeler was recently honored with an invitation to join the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Leadership Chattanooga Program, a 10-month program that develops participants' leadership potential and introduces them to community leaders, challenges and services.

Ms. Wheeler has received numerous awards for her exemplary work at The Chattanooga, including Sales Manager of the Year for the past three years.

The Chattanooga, a 210,000 square-foot five-story upscale urban resort with 198 guest rooms and suites, has three outstanding restaurants and a pampering day spa. The hotel's 25,000 square-foot conference center features a high-tech learning environment with comprehensive meeting planning and audiovisual support services. The facility includes 20 dedicated meeting rooms with five general session rooms accommodating 25 to 100 guests; a 16-seat circular board room with a flat data screen; 12 break-out rooms; a 7,500 square-foot ballroom; and an amphitheater with seating for 85. All meeting rooms offer complete networking capabilities and high-speed Internet access.

The Chattanooga is conveniently located within a two-hour drive from Atlanta; Nashville, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Huntsville, Ala.; and Birmingham, Ala. It is within walking distance of the city's museums, galleries, retail stores, restaurants and The Tennessee Aquarium.

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