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Wes Rouse

BancorpSouth Vice-President Wes Rouse has been named 2009 Volunteer of the Year by The Leaf Foundation. Rouse, Vice-President of Commercial Lending for the statewide bank, is being honored for his commitment to community service and for increasing the quality of life in Lamar, Forrest, Covington, Green and Perry Counties.

Rouse, who received his MBA from Southern Miss, is active in Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board, Big Brothers, Big Sisters Board of Directors, Leaders for a New Century, and serves as Lamar County Chairman for Mississippi Young Bankers.

In addition, he is a member of the ADP Leadership PineBelt Steering Committee and is an American Bankers Association adjunct professor at Pearl River Community College.

According to CEO Michael Marks, The Leaf Foundation offers over \$11,000 annually in scholarships to area young women through The Miss America program. Locally, The Leaf Foundation sponsors The Miss Leaf River Valley and Miss Riverland Scholarship Pageants. Rouse served as treasurer of the Leaf Foundation.

Former Leaf Foundation volunteers of the year include: Steve McNair Family (2008), Brett and Deanna Favre (2007), Raphael Scott Waldrop (2006).

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