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October 20, 2011 – (Greensboro, NC) – Dennis Stearns, president of Greensboro-based Stearns Financial Services Group, was recently honored by Investment News and the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation as a finalist for its national Community Leadership Award. Reasons cited for his selection included helping the YMCAs of Greensboro prepare for and better deal with the effects of the 2008/09 recession, pro-active investment and finance leadership, being a chess coach for inner city youth at the Hayes-Taylor YMCA, Chairman's Roundtable level support for the We Build People campaign and SFG's corporate sponsorship and having strong employee volunteer efforts for YMCA Bright Beginnings, and helping low income school-age children prepare for school each fall. While in New York City, Stearns was invited to ring the opening bell at the NASDAQ Marketsite in Times Square. Stearns, his firm, Greensboro and the YMCA were all recognized. As a finalist, Stearns was awarded \$5,000 for the YMCAs of Greensboro "We Build People" campaign to provide scholarships for those in need.

