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ANNISTON CHANGERS AWARDED ALABAMA PALS HIGHEST HONOR

ANNISTON, AL – On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Alabama People Against A Littered State (ALPALS) selected the Anniston Changers as their **2022 Don Hines Memorial Award** recipient at its annual State Governor's award ceremony at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Montgomery, Alabama. This award is ALPALS's highest honor, named after former ALPALS Chairman, Don Hines. The award recognizes outstanding community efforts in litter clean-up, prevention, and education.

“This is the first time we had a group from this county in quite a while, and when I read the nomination form, I was amazed at what they had done.”

- Jeff Helms | ALPALS Chairman

Since its formation in October 2020, the Anniston Changers have conducted 25 consecutive, monthly service projects all throughout the City of Anniston, cleaning up over 45 tons of litter and debris. In addition, the Anniston Changers were able to form a grant review board with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama (CFNEA) that allows for emergency home repair grants within the city limits of Anniston.

City leadership and the Anniston Changers board would like to dedicate this award to the 320+ citizens who have volunteered their time, passion, and support to the mission of the Anniston Changers over the course of their 25 consecutive monthly service projects! The volunteers make the change happen, and without their hard work this recognition would not have been possible.

About Anniston Changers:

The Anniston Changers are a group of volunteers who are passionate about Anniston and its citizens. The Changers partner with community members and organizations to complete monthly service projects throughout Anniston. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for Annistonians, while unifying our communities through their shared desire to see our city prosper.

- **Website:** www.AnnistonChangers.com

About ALPALS:

Alabama PALS is a 501 C-3 Not-for-Profit, statewide organization dedicated to providing and implementing anti-litter programs for all Alabama counties, cities, communities, schools and other groups striving to enhance their environmental and economic impact through a litter free, cleaner and more beautiful environment. Since 1987, Alabama PALS and our valued partners have created, maintained and implemented successful statewide litter prevention programs that have enhanced each and every corner of our great state.

- **Website:** www.alpals.org

