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2018 Tools for Life Naomi Walker “Catalyst for Positive Change” Award

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Brad King wins the **2018 Tools for Life Naomi Walker “Catalyst for Positive Change” Award** at the Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference

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St. Simon’s Island, Georgia | June 2018 – Brad King, President of People First of Fitzgerald and Board Member of People First of Georgia, was presented with the prestigious 2018 Tools for Life Naomi Walker “Catalyst for Positive Change” Award on June 6, 2018. King won the contested prize over other nominees throughout Georgia.

The Tools for Life Assistive Technology Awards Ceremony has been a tradition within Georgia for the last 22 years. The Tools for Life Naomi Walker Award recognizes and honors an individual who accomplished breaking down barriers by implementing policies, assistive technology acquisition and overall systems change. This award was created by Tools for Life, Georgia’s Assistive Technology (AT) Act Program, to promote creativity and encourage AT and universal design principles for equal access for all people.

King accepted the Tools for Life Naomi Walker “Catalyst for Positive Change” Award in person in front of over 900 educators and AT professionals from across Georgia at the annual Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference. King rose above the other nominees for a variety of reasons, including his self-advocacy efforts to establish an accessible transit system in Fitzgerald, GA and participation in self-advocacy days at the Capitol.

King received a unique handcrafted bowl created exclusively for the Tools for Life AT Award Winners by Georgia artisans *In the Woods, LLC*. These beautiful pieces serve as a reminder of the knowledge, skills and abilities that overflow from King’s “bowl” as he assists students and other individuals with disabilities in achieving their educational and lifelong goals.

Tools for Life, Georgia’s Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of AT devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.

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