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Kristen McNally Wins the 2017 Tools for Life Leadership Award at the Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference

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St. Simon’s, Georgia | June 2017 - Kristen M. McNally, Rehabilitation Technologist - AWT West with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, was presented with the prestigious **2017 Tools for Life Leadership Award** on **June 9, 2017** for outstanding **leadership in the area of assistive technology and disability**. **Kristen McNally** won the hotly contested prize over other nominees throughout Georgia.

The **Tools for Life Assistive Technology Awards Ceremony** has been a tradition within Georgia for the last **21** years. The **Tools for Life Leadership Award** recognizes and honors individuals who have been a catalyst for positive change through proactive leadership skills by using or promoting assistive technology for living, learning, working or playing.

Kristen McNally accepted the Tools for Life Leadership Award in person in front of 1000 educators and assistive technology professionals from throughout Georgia at IDEAS.

Ms. McNally rose above the other nominees for a variety of reasons including her passion and dedication to promoting the use of assistive technology for people of all ages and all disabilities, not only in Georgia, but throughout the country. Ms. McNally’s leadership skills and advocacy work continues to empower people of all.

Kristen McNally received a unique hand-crafted bowl created exclusively for the Tools for Life AT Award Winners by Georgia artisans, In the Woods Studio, LLC. These beautiful pieces serve as a reminder of the knowledge, skills and abilities that overflow from Ms. McNally's "bowl" as she 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 assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play

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