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Ware County’s Assistive Technology Team Wins the 2014 Tools for Life Excellence in Assistive Technology Team Award at the Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference

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St. Simon’s, Georgia | June 2014 - Ware County’s Assistive Technology Team was presented with the prestigious **2014 Tools for Life Excellence in Assistive Technology Team Award** on **June 3, 2014** for outstanding **Assistive Technology (AT) Services**. The **Ware County’s Assistive Technology Team** 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 **18** years. The **Excellence in AT Team Award** recognizes an Assistive Technology Team, at the local or statewide level, that involves two or more professionals or entities that promote or facilitate the development of effective AT integration in a classroom, school, school system, workplace and/or community. Factors considered include coordination of services, networking and collaboration, innovation in development and implementation, and lasting impact of the service provided on person(s) served. This award honors excellence in the provision of effective AT services to Georgians.

The Tools for Life Excellence in AT Team Award was given to the Ware County Assistive Technology Team. Barbara Sonnier, AT Coordinator, Phylis Brown, AT Specialist, and Leslie Holland, AT Specialist who **accepted the Excellence in Assistive Technology Team Award at IDEAS in front of 700 participants**.

The Ware County Assistive Technology Team rose above the other nominees for a variety of reasons including their **implementation of effective AT services to overcome obstacles and promote student educational progress**.

Each of the Ware County AT Team members received a unique hand-crafted bowl created exclusively for the Tools for Life AT Award Winners by Georgia artisan, Todd Runkle, www.toddrunklepottery.com. These beautiful pieces serve as a reminder of the

knowledge, skills and abilities that overflow from each award winner's "bowls" as they assist students with disabilities in achieving their educational 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 independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice. Find out more at: www.gatfl.gatech.edu

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