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Rachel Wilson wins the **2017 Tools for Life Leadership Award** at the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Healthy Communities Summit

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Augusta, Georgia | July 2017 – Rachel Wilson, Assistive Technology Specialist with Tools for Life, was presented with the prestigious **2017 Tools for Life Assistive Leadership Award** on **June 7, 2017**. Rachel 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.** This award was created by Tools for Life, Georgia’s AT Act to promote creativity and encourage AT and universal design principles for equal access of all people.

Rachel accepted the Tools for Life Leadership Award in person in front of 250 aging and assistive technology professionals from throughout Georgia at the annual ADRC Healthy Communities Summit. Rachel rose above the other nominees for a variety of reasons; including her ability to advance understanding, access, and acquisition of assistive technology.

Rachel 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 Rachel’s “bowl” as she assists individuals with disabilities across the state of Georgia in achieving their 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 independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice. Find out more at www.gatfl.gatech.edu.

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