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**Linea Johnson Wins the 2014 Tools for Life Leadership Award** at the Institute  
Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference

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**St. Simon’s, Georgia | June 2014 - Linea Johnson, Research Assistant at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA and Disability Advocate**, was presented with the prestigious **2014 Tools for Life Leadership Award** on **June 6, 2014** for outstanding **leadership in the area of efficacy, outreach and disability**. **Linea Johnson** 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 **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.

**Linea Johnson accepted the Tools for Life Leadership Award in person in front of 700 educators and assistive technology professionals from throughout Georgia at IDEAS.**

**Ms. Johnson** rose above the other nominees for a variety of reasons including her dedication to promoting inclusion and positive change for people of all ages and all disabilities throughout the country. Ms. Johnson’s leadership skills and advocacy work continues to empower people of all.

Linea Johnson received a unique hand-crafted bowl created exclusively for the Tools for Life AT Award Winners by Georgia artisan, Todd Runkle, [www.toddrunklepottery.com](http://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

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