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Walter Coffey wins the **2017 Tools for Life Assistive Technology Innovation Award** at the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Healthy Communities Summit

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Augusta, Georgia | July 2017 – Walter Coffey, President and CEO of LeadingAge Georgia, was presented with the prestigious **2017 Tools for Life Assistive Technology Innovation Award** on **June 7, 2017**. He 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 **Assistive Technology Innovation Award recognizes innovation, creativity and/or unique integration of AT in the lives of individuals with disabilities**. 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.

Walter accepted the Assistive Technology Innovation Award in person in front of 250 aging and assistive technology professionals from throughout Georgia at the annual ADRC Healthy Communities Summit. He rose above the other nominees for a variety of reasons, including his **ability to inspire, incorporate new ideas, and implement design solutions for aging adults**.

Walter 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 their “bowls” as he assists with aging adults across the state of Georgia.

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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