

PRESS RELEASE

Governor’s Committee Awards Leeds Resident “Supported Employee of the Year”

BIRMINGHAM, AL— The [Governor’s Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities](#) has awarded Judy Warnock of Leeds, Alabama with the “Supported Employee of the Year” award. This award recognizes a local Birmingham employee for contributing to their community by rising above their “disAbility.”

Warnock, who has cerebral palsy and visual impairments, is employed with the [Greater Birmingham Humane Society](#) (GBHS) and has worked there for over four years. She received her award at a recent ceremony hosted at The Club in Birmingham.

“Jurdy holds a viable, multi-tasked position with GBHS and believes in herself and in our mission,” says Jacqueline Meyer, GBHS Executive Director. “She has taught us that the simple things in life are the most precious. It is very difficult to feel sorry for yourself when you watch Jurdy work, smile, offer assistance, and ‘be wonderful’; she gives us faith and courage in the human spirit.”

Warnock’s desire for employment was first realized through the efforts of the [Full Life Ahead Foundation](#) (FLAF), an organization honored by the same Governor’s Committee with the Birmingham “Community Partnership Award” for their assistance in placing individuals like Warnock in successful employment positions.

“If not for the opportunity from GBHS and the work of FLAF, Jurdy would not be enjoying satisfying employment and, more importantly, living out her dream to work with animals,” said Prince and Aleicia Warnock, Jurdy’s parents.

In addition to helping individuals with disAbilities gain employment, FLAF also partners with service providers who have a heart for individuals with disabilities, coordinates family weekend retreats and workshops throughout the year, provides training sessions and services to individuals with disabilities and their families, and encourages them to become self-directed in the attainment of their personal goals and dreams.

For more information about the Full Life Ahead Foundation of Hope, visit their website at: <http://www.fulllifeahead.org>.

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