

The 2011 Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards included:

The 2011 Patsy Barrett Memorial Award is presented to a woman with disabilities, recognized for her leadership abilities and achievements as a disability advocate.

Katherine Hover

The 2011 Ken Vince Memorial Award is presented to a man with disabilities, recognized for his leadership abilities and achievements as a disability advocate.

Wallace Leo Johnson

The 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has shown outstanding service through their commitment to enhancing opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Esther McGee

The 2011 Youth of the Year Award is presented to a young person with a constant disability who has provided encouragement and inspiration to other young people with or without disabilities through their own individual achievement.

Fields Day

The 2011 Employer of the Year Award is presented to an employer who provides real employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Wilburn Enterprises

The 2011 Service Animal of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding service animal that assists his or her owner in their day-to-day activities.

Pace

The 2011 Family of the Year is presented to a family who has a member or members with a disability and through their involvement in the community has encouraged other families throughout Louisiana.

Donna and Marvin Redmond

The 2011 Distinguished Merit Award is presented to an individual, organization or firm working in the disability field in recognition of their consistent efforts to provide opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Shawn Fleming

The 2011 Veteran of the Year Award is presented to a veteran with a disability who has compiled a record of exemplary services while increasing awareness for persons with disabilities and continually inspires the lives of others.

Matthew Robert Cole

The 2011 Direct Support Professional of the Year Award is presented to a Direct Support Professional currently working in the disability field in recognition of their outstanding efforts in serving persons with disabilities.

Geraldine Watson

The 2011 Educator of the Year Award is presented to a person who has contributed significantly in the teaching of persons with disabilities in our community