

Bio for Wallace Johnson



Wallace Johnson is a profile in courage and dedication to helping others with disabilities. Mr. Johnson was born with Cerebral Palsy. This disability has not held him back. Mr. Johnson has a heart to help others achieve their own personal levels of success. He is a 1986 graduate of Rosepine High School and in 1990 he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from McNeese State University. Mr. Johnson has been given the JC Penney Golden Rule Award for his exceptional volunteer service to the community in which he lives. His professional background includes employment at McNeese State University, Lake Charles Christian School, Southwest Louisiana Independence Center, and Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana, where he currently is employed.

In 2005 Mr. Johnson was honored to receive the ARC of Louisiana/People First of Louisiana President's Award for being a person that challenges himself and others to reach their goals. In 2011 he was honored as the recipient of the Louisiana Governor's Office of Disability Affairs (GODA) Ken Vince Memorial Award which is presented to a man with disabilities, recognized for his leadership abilities and achievements as a disability advocate. He has worked together in the community with many organizations and agencies through his involvement in several Regional Forums for people with disabilities and their families. He is a past member of the statewide steering committee that helped form People First of Louisiana. Mr. Johnson is a past President of the Lake Charles Mayor's Commission on Disability and a graduate of Partners in Policymaking.

Mr. Johnson is currently a member of the Lake Charles Mayor's Commission on Disability, Louisiana Citizens for Action Now (LaCAN), and Louisiana Together Educating All Children (LaTEACH) advocacy group. He serves on several Transition Core Teams throughout Southwest Louisiana and a job fair committee for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). He has been selected to serve on the Regional and State Advisory Committee for Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities representing individuals with developmental disabilities. In the past he has served on the LATAN Assistive Technology Loan Advisory Board and Louisiana Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (LEAD) Advisory Board. He is the current President and a member of the local chapter of People First self-advocacy group in Region V and he is a member on the People First of Louisiana State Board of Directors.

Mr. Johnson and his wife Brenda live in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Wallace Johnson's Favorite Books

