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## **Jane Beasley, Tennessee Justice Center, Receives Award from Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities**

**Nashville, TN** – Jane Beasley, senior client advocate and paralegal at the Tennessee Justice Center (TJC), has received the *Professional Award* from the Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities in recognition of her work in improving and enhancing the lives of people with disabilities. The award was presented to Beasley during an awards ceremony and reception held at the Frist Center in Nashville.

"I am truly honored to receive this award. It is a privilege to be an advocate for our disabled clients, who often cannot speak on their own behalf," said Beasley. "Their courage and persistence is inspiring to me and everyone at the Tennessee Justice Center."

Beasley joined TJC in 1998. She is an expert in the complex rules of eligibility for public programs, and assists disabled and sick clients who need help with TennCare and Families First. She also advocates on behalf of clients who have lost their benefits. Prior to joining TJC, Beasley was the coordinator of the Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program at the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee, assisting clients on issues surrounding Medicare, TennCare, long-term health insurance, and Medicare supplement policies.

"Jane has improved life for thousands of Tennesseans with disabilities," said Gordon Bonnyman, executive director of Tennessee Justice Center. "In some cases, she has enabled people to obtain medical care that they credited with saving their lives. Her advocacy for individuals and her contributions to systemic reforms have helped countless Tennesseans with disabilities maintain or enhance their independence."

Since 1981, the Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities has presented awards of recognition to outstanding individuals whose efforts have enhanced the lives of those in the disability community in Nashville. Awards were presented in 13 categories this year.

The Tennessee Justice Center (TJC) is a non-profit public interest law and advocacy firm serving Tennessee's families. It gives priority to policy issues and civil cases in which the most basic necessities of life are at stake and where advocacy can benefit needy families statewide. TJC works to empower its clients by holding government accountable for its policies and actions. TJC was established in 1996 and is located at 301 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN. **For additional information about the Tennessee Justice Center and its services, visit [www.tnjustice.org](http://www.tnjustice.org) or call 615-255-0331.**

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