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Mikayla Tobin Receives The Diana Award 2017 Roll of Honour for Her Volunteer Work With the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee

Nashville, TN, July 6, 2017 – Nine-year old volunteer Miss Mikayla Tobin has been recognized by The Diana Award for her efforts to help the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee (DSAMT) and its members with Down syndrome. Miss Tobin was one of only three 9-year olds recognized worldwide and one of six volunteers from the United States to receive this honor. The Diana Award Roll of Honour named more than seven hundred volunteers from across the globe in 2017.

Ms. Tobin has volunteered with DSAMT since she was just six years, her devotion for the organization growing every year. Volunteer manager, Lisa Haskell, said, “Mikayla has a pure and unconditional love for others. She is dedicated to ensuring inclusion for all, regardless of their ability. Her passion and attitude are exactly what we look for in a volunteer at DSAMT, and it is tremendous to find it in someone so young.”

As the leading resource in Middle Tennessee for education, advocacy, support and community for and about Down syndrome, DSAMT strives to ensure individuals with Down syndrome are valued for their extraordinary gifts and contributions, empowering them to pursue meaningful, included lives by providing education, advocacy, support and community for people with Down syndrome and their families, and serving as a resource for educators, healthcare professionals, employers and the entire Middle Tennessee community.

The Diana Award was set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, and her belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better. It is committed to fostering, inspiring and developing positive change in the lives of young people through practical social action. Today The Diana Award has the support of both her sons The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry. These exceptional young people embody Princess Diana's qualities of kindness, compassion and service. Learn more about The Diana Award at <http://diana-award.org.uk/to-mark-princess-dianas-birthday-hundreds-of-outstanding-young-people-from-across-the-uk-and-the-world-announced-in-diana-award-roll-of-honour/>.

DSAMT relies heavily on its volunteers, with a small staff of three. “We are very fortunate to have a tremendous base of dedicated, passionate volunteers,” said Alecia Talbott, executive director. “Ms. Tobin is well-deserving of this international recognition, and we hope it inspires others to follow in her small footsteps – small footsteps, which have left a huge imprint on our community.”

About Down Syndrome Association of Middle TN

Founded in 1996, DSAMT is the leading resource in Middle Tennessee for education, advocacy, support and community for and about Down syndrome. It serves individuals with Down syndrome and their families, educators, healthcare professionals, employers and the community at large.

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