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**ANNUAL ABILITY CELEBRATION WAS MAGICAL EVENING
AT WALT DISNEY WORLD'S GRAND FLORIDIAN**

The Able Trust is honored to continue to help Floridians with disabilities find meaningful careers

TALLAHASSEE, FL (May 12, 2010) – The Able Trust hosted the annual Ability Celebration at Walt Disney World's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa on May 6th with honored and distinguished guests including keynote speaker Marc Buoniconti, the son of veteran's Miami Dolphins player Nick Buoniconti, The Able Trust's legislative champion, Senator Stephen Wise Ed.D; the first corporate champion, Walt Disney World Resort represented by its President Meg Crofton, and master of ceremonies, Jim Payne from WESH-TV.

Every year the Able Trust holds the Ability Celebration to further its mission by funding their programs and helping to distribute grants to other organizations who provide vocational rehabilitation. One of The Able Trust's many programs includes High School/High Tech, which is designed to allow students with all types of disabilities the opportunity to explore jobs or post-secondary education in technology-related fields.

"The Able Trust opens a world of opportunity for Floridians with disabilities--the work of The Able Trust is unsurpassed and inspires thousands to reach their potential, explore meaningful careers and live the life they were meant to," said Marc Buoniconti at the event.

Edwin Soto, a Vietnam veteran said, "I was homeless and fighting addiction when I reached out to The Able Trust. They helped me turn my life around—now I have a job I love and am living a fulfilled life."

The Able Trust believes that when people with disabilities want to work they should. Thirty percent of American families have at least one family member with a disability. And, nearly eighty-seven percent of Americans prefer to patronize businesses that hire people with disabilities.

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About the Able Trust. *The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Citizens with Disabilities, is a 501(c) (3) public-private partnership foundation established by the Florida Legislature in 1990. Its mission is to be the leader in providing Floridians with disabilities fair employment opportunities through grant programs, public awareness, public education, policy recommendations and fundraising. Since its establishment, The Able Trust has awarded more than \$25 million to individuals with disabilities and nonprofit agencies throughout Florida for employment-related purposes, enabling more than 2,000 Florida citizens of all ages with disabilities to enter the workforce each year. In addition, The Able Trust youth programs provide career development and transition to approximately 2,000 students with disabilities annually, helping to reduce the dropout rate and prepare young adults for life beyond high school. For more information about The Able Trust, visit www.abletrust.org.*