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## **GOVERNOR CRIST APPOINTS LAKELAND AND FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVES TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (September 30, 2010)** – Today, The Able Trust announced the appointment of Marcy Benton of Lakeland and Anne Marie Taglienti of Coral Springs to its board of directors. Created by the Florida Legislature in 1990, The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public/private partnership with a goal of assisting Floridians with disabilities in achieving employment. The Able Trust supports non-profit agencies throughout Florida with grants and public awareness of disability issues.

Marcy Benton of Lakeland is the Associate Diversity Manager at Publix Super Markets Inc. Marcy has been responsible for overseeing diversity efforts at Publix Super Markets for nine years; working vigorously to support efforts to provide those with disabilities meaningful career opportunities. She is an active member of the Florida Business Leadership Network (FBLN), which promotes diversity policies that include people with disabilities and hiring practices that target candidates with disabilities. She succeeds Eladio Amores, appointed for a term beginning August 18, 2010, and ending September 30, 2011.

Anne Marie Taglienti of Fort Lauderdale is the Director of Corporate Affairs for American Express. Anne Marie is an award-winning, communications professional who has senior level experience building and developing global and domestic communication programs and teams. Currently serving as a member of the American Express Executive Leadership team in the South Florida Region, Anne Marie has more than 20 years of experience in philanthropy, public affairs, community, government and constituent relations, crisis management, product and services marketing, and corporate and financial communications. She leads the American Express Communications, Corporate and Government Affairs, Philanthropy and Community Relations in Florida with a focus in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. She was appointed for a term beginning October 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2013.

**About The Able Trust.** The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation, 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 \$27 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](http://www.abletrust.org).

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