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## **Governor Scott Appoints New Board Member to The Able Trust**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** – Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of Jeffrey Hurst to The Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation (dba The Able Trust) Board of Directors effective March 13, 2014.

“The Able Trust is honored to have Jeff Hurst join its Board of Directors,” Able Trust President & CEO Dr. Susanne Homant said. “We are pleased to have his financial and healthcare expertise, as well as his military background as resources within our governing body.”

Hurst is Senior Vice President of Finance at Florida Hospital, one of America’s largest hospitals. With more than 2,100 beds, the seven-hospital system admits more patients annually than any other hospital in the U.S., and is the largest provider of Medicare services. Hurst has worked at Florida Hospital for more than 14 years serving in various roles, including Vice President of Revenue Management, Assistant Vice President of Revenue Management, Director of Patient Financial Services, Director of Ancillary Financial Services, and Director of Finance. Prior to joining Florida Hospital, Hurst spent 10 years serving in the United States Air Force.

“I am extremely excited and honored about the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of The Able Trust,” Hurst said. “I believe very strongly in the mission – to help Floridians with disabilities secure successful employment – and I look forward to contributing to the ongoing success of The Able Trust.”

*The Able Trust is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, all appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida. The Board of Directors is primarily responsible for the overall governance of the organization, which includes fiduciary duties to assure the financial viability of the organization, to provide strategic and long-term direction to the organization, to approve grants, and to hire its CEO. Board members have extensive knowledge of the disability network (or have a disability themselves), and have impressive business backgrounds.*

## **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 a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment. Since its establishment, The Able Trust has awarded more than \$31 million to programs throughout Florida, enabling thousands of Florida citizens with disabilities to enter the workforce. The Able Trust youth programs provide career development and transition to several students with disabilities, helping to reduce the dropout rate and prepare young adults for life beyond high school.*

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