



## Acclamations from colleagues and friends for **ROSE WILLIAMS**, recipient of the 2007 JACKIE CREWS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP:

“Rose’s actions in 2007 further chronicle her lifetime of seeing changes that need to be made for our town to allow everyone independence and inclusion and her doing something about them...not just for [her]—but for everyone who has a disability that makes access and independence difficult. Rose’s work makes Charlottesville/Albemarle a place to be proud to live, and a place to be proud we know Rose M. Williams who works quietly everyday of her life to make it so!”

Mary T. Miller  
Co-Chair  
VSA arts of Charlottesville & Albemarle

“What I admire most is [Rose’s] gentle spirit to advocate for change through kindness and love to everyone she meets on a daily basis in spite of her own daily challenges.”

Mildred W. Spicer  
Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor  
Charlottesville Department of Recreation & Parks

“My husband and I truly admire someone like Rose who opens the minds of the community to the possibilities of [people with disabilities]. We are all part of the same community and learn from each other. We are truly appreciative of Rose and her accomplishments. She is a clear example of excellence in leadership.”

Jeanie P. Arnold  
Former Teaching Assistant for Albemarle County Schools,  
Community Volunteer, and Friend

“Rose...has taken a leadership role in all the activities that [VSA arts] has pursued. She has been able to do this because of her strong determination to overcome her disabilities...and become an independent productive individual...Her life is an excellent example of ‘Independence, Productivity, Inclusion, and Self-Determination.’”

Jean Osborne Wilhelm  
Board Member  
Piedmont Council of the Arts

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