

# Examples of Excellence

## Phil Pickens Leadership Award Nominee



**Kristy Chapman**  
**Union County**

### Accolades of Leadership

- Named “Outstanding New Special Education Director” in 2014 by Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education (GCASE)
- Presented at local and state leadership and professional organization conferences as well as local civic groups
- Contracted pilot for Presence Learning online Speech program
- First in area to use iPads for students with disabilities
- Over 20 years of service and an active member of CEC, GCASE, GAEL and PAGE

### Building Home/School/Community Partnerships

- Initiated ASPIRE program to promote student-led IEPs
- Serves as Compliance Director for the Mountain Education Charter High School, an alternative evening school with 11 sites and serving students from 34 counties
- Created idea behind “Teach 180”

### Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP

- Participant in local Parent Mentor meetings and drive-thru conferences to show support
- Strongly believes in the value of Parent Mentors

### Modeling Collaboration and Partnership

- Contributes as committee member for Special Olympics and GNETS Alpine program
- Rappelled for Special Olympics and raised \$1,195.00
- Contributes in regional consortia of Special Education Administrators
- Collaborated with Pioneer RESA directors to create a shared Moodle information system for special education

### Support for Parent Mentor Involvement in CLIP

- Incorporated participation of Parent Mentor for Indicators #1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13 to improve post-school outcomes, services for young children, and provision of FAPE in Union County



Georgia  
**Parent Mentor**  
Partnership

