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**REDWOOD ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
RESOURCE CENTER RECOGNIZED BY CHAMBER**

(Ft. Mitchell) -- Redwood Rehabilitation Center's Assistive Technology Resource Center was honored Wednesday, April 24 by The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in recognition of its commitment to Northern Kentucky.

The Chamber award was given to Redwood "In order to more appropriately recognize a substantial investment in the Northern Kentucky Community." Barbara Howard, Director of Redwood, Debbie Dacey, Director of Therapy and Assistive Technology Services and Deb Case, Coordinator of the Assistive Technology Resource Center accepted the award, with a formal ribbon cutting, during the Center's open house.

"The Northern Kentucky Chamber is a strong resource to our community," said Debbie Dacey. "It is wonderful to receive recognition from them."

At the Open House parents, professionals and community members visited the center to encounter displays of assistive technology aiding independence.

"It has been a lot of work, but really exciting hosting the Open House," said Deb Case. "We hope that word will get out to even more people about the services we have to offer."

The Resource Center benefits children and adults with disabilities by offering augmentative communication devices, adapted toys, environmental controls, switches and mounts, computer peripherals for adapted access and software for demonstration and loan as well as resource books and videos. Evaluation, training and consultations with trained professional are also available at Redwood or offsite through the center.

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The center offers free memberships to area consumers, families and professionals. It is the only technology lending library in the area serving people of all ages with any degree or type of disability. Members of the center have access to equipment, which can be borrowed at nominal rates to help make informed decisions before equipment is purchased.

Over the past year, hundreds have been helped because of the Resource Center. Children who once had limited movement can now play with toys and adults without speech can now communicate, all thanks to the advancements in technology available through Redwood's Assistive Technology Resource Center.

The Assistive Technology Resource Center is a member of the Kentucky Assistive Technology Service Network (KATS Network.)

For more information call Redwood at 331-0880. Redwood is a non-profit rehabilitation center for children and adults with disabilities. It offers more than 20 innovative programs to meet the needs of those with disabilities.

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