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## DTW Receives Community Enhancement Award



*DTW President Sara R. Wilson and DTW Founder O. Randolph Rollins accepted the award at an April 11 luncheon.*

The VCU Wilder School's 16th annual Excellence in Virginia Government Awards program honored Drive-to-Work with its Community Enhancement Award for our commitment to improving the quality of community life in the commonwealth.

At an awards luncheon on April 11, DTW was lauded for its work in providing legal services to low-income and previously incarcerated persons to restore their driving privileges so they can drive to work and keep a job. The annual event celebrates Virginians who have made extraordinary contributions to the practice of government and the welfare of our communities and citizens.

"We are deeply honored to receive this award, which speaks to the dedication, commitment, and hard work of our team, Board of Directors, and supporters," said Sara R. Wilson, president of DTW.

The award commended DTW, founded in 2007, for being the first organization in Virginia to advocate for helping people to get their license restored through legal and driver education services. DTW recognizes that losing driving privileges is not necessarily because of poor driving but can be a result of enforcing nondriving-related payments, such as civil judgments resulting from motor vehicle accidents and child support payments.

The award cited DTW's successful advocacy to establish a new law to prohibit the suspension of a person's driver's license due to failure to pay Virginia court fines. The law was passed by the General Assembly in 2019. As a result, more than 525,000 Virginians saw nonpayment of court fees information removed from their driving records, and some had their driving privileges restored.