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Akeeya Umstead receives the Governor's Volunteer Service Award



Durham, NC – June 11, 2025 – Akeeya Umstead, Founder and CEO of the Misstakenid Gives Back Foundation, has been awarded the Governor's Volunteer Service Award, one of the highest honors for volunteerism in the state of North Carolina.

Nominated by Families Moving Forward and volunteers from MGB Foundation, submitted by Triangle Non Profit Volunteer Leadership Center, to the Governor's office for her leadership in Durham County, Umstead was recognized for her outstanding commitment to community service and her impactful work through local initiatives that support underserved populations across the region.

"This award is a reminder that intentional impact matters. Whether we are serving our unhoused neighbors, leading skill based workshops, promoting volunteerism, or supporting our seniors and veterans, every act of service adds up and makes a difference." Umstead said. "I share this recognition with every volunteer, donor, and community partner who has walked alongside me. I also share this recognition with my late parents, whose example and love for community inspired me to serve in the first place."

While she continues working toward the medallion designation—the award's highest level—Umstead remains focused on growing community-driven service opportunities that make giving back accessible and powerful.

For more information about Akeeya Umstead and the Misstakenid Gives Back Foundation, visit mgb-foundation.org or follow on: Instagram @mgbfoundation Meta @Misstakenid Gives Back Foundation.

