

## **BIOGRAPHY FOR KELLY STUART WOODALL**

Kelly began her advocacy career in 2002 as a board member of First in Families of NC. In 2005 she completed an internship with the NC Governor's Advocacy Council. At the state's Protection and Advocacy Organization she started her own advocacy caseload and supported advocates in meeting their personal goals. In 2006, Ms Woodall was crowned Ms. Wheelchair North Carolina. During her reign, she made public appearances across North Carolina promoting the rights of people with disabilities.

Currently she is on the advisory of the NC Money Follows the Person project that assists Medicaid-eligible North Carolinians who live in inpatient facilities to move into their own homes and communities with supports.

Highlights of Kelly's advocacy experience include:

- Public speaking to conference audiences, legislators and press on issues related to living independently in the community;
- Meeting with legislators to discuss issues important to people with disabilities;
- Working with advocacy groups for over 5 years; and
- Organized her own Circle of Friends to get the supports she needed to live in the community instead of living in a nursing home.

Kelly attended Leesville High School in Raleigh, NC and graduated from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg with a degree in psychology. She was born in Raleigh, NC and is the middle daughter of three girls.

Currently Kelly lives in Raleigh with her 2-year old lab. She enjoys computer games, Facebook, horseback riding and spending time with her family. Her motivation comes from helping people.