

# Center for Palliative and Supportive Care Wins Tweety Lasker Award

The 2013 Tweety Lasker Award given by the Hand In Paw animal assisted therapy program was presented recently to the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care. With clinical programs at UAB, the Birmingham VA Medical Center and Children's of Alabama, the Center was selected as the Partner of the Year by the organization. The Center has partnered with Hand In Paw since approximately 2006 when Therapy Team Claire Peel and her cocker spaniel Moses made their first visit to the Centers Palliative and Comfort Care Unit. This partnership serves our patients and families with excellence and previous



award winners include the YMCA and the Comprehensive Cancer Center. Hand In Paw's Petscription program is a perfect fit for delivering comfort and positive distractions for patients and their family members. This honor given in memory of Tweety, Katie and Jim Lasker's beloved greyhound, will ensure that Hand In Paw can serve people through these programs for years to come. Members of the Center on hand for the awards ceremony were Director Rodney Tucker, Palliative care coordinator Jackie Palmore, PCCU staff member Tasha Delaney and faculty member Sam Perna.