

The Voice of Hope

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*Making a difference in
the lives of men and
women with
developmental
disabilities since 1968*



"Because everyone deserves a home, a sense of belonging, and a sense of purpose in their life."



Janet Hudson is a job coach at Home of Hope's **Centsible Apparel, Etc.** store in Vinita. **Kathy Hopper** is a job coach at our **Centsible Spending** store in Miami. Both

positions make them responsible for training the men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities who work in the stores, but also come with a lot of responsibility for the stores themselves. They take great pride in both, which is where the fun comes in. **Janet and Kathy are sisters.** In fact, their mother **Ola McFarland** used to

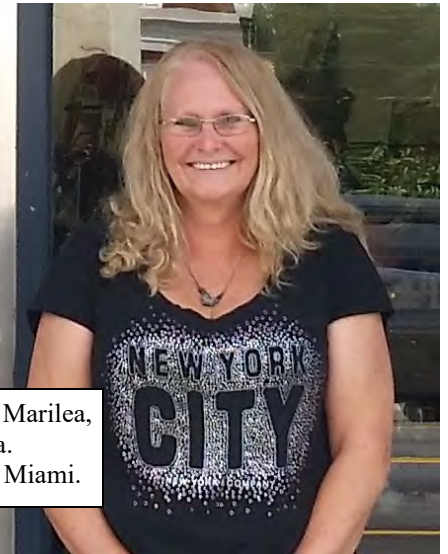
work at the Hope Chest, Home of Hope's original thrift store in Vinita. Both Janet and Kathy have worked with Home of Hope for nearly 20 years. They both talk with enthusiasm about how much they love helping the individuals they work with in our stores. Individuals with disabilities, but who work as hard as you or me, doing jobs from vacuuming the floors and cleaning the windows to sorting donated items and organizing the shelves. When I went into both stores this week, it was those individuals who spoke with pride about **their** stores being the best, although Janet and Kathy both certainly

agreed. I'll let you drop in and decide who has the best store. What's most important is not only the jobs that are being created, but the sense of accomplishment, of enjoyment, and yes, of pride that the men and women working in these stores, as well as Home of Hope's other stores in Vinita, Claremore, and Pryor, have in their place of work. They love their job coaches. They love their jobs. And of course, as one worker put it, **"Our store really is the best."**

Ralph Richardson, Ph.D.
CEO, Home of Hope



Left: Janet, with workers Kim, Chelsea, Mary, Marilea, and Amanda at Centsible Apparel, Etc. in Vinita.
Right: Kathy in front of Centsible Spending in Miami.



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FINANCIAL CORNER: **DON'T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL HELP!**

Who do you think of when you hear about “adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities”? That term covers such a broad range of people. Men and women. Young and old. People with Down Syndrome. People born with Fragile X or Autism. People diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. People who experienced a traumatic brain injury in childhood, or who were affected by lead poisoning. **People.** People who, like you and me, want a home, a life, a circle of friends, and a job they can be proud of. Home of Hope provides 148 jobs right now for men and women with a wide range of needs and abilities. We just sent an appeal letter out for a micro-cut shredder. It seems like a small ask, but **please don't assume others are responding.** The shredder we're asking for will make it possible for the workers at our business center in Vinita to do confidential shredding for area companies. Your help can create jobs men and women in our programs can be proud of.

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Mary Moore Charity Golf
Tournament founders Joe, Jack, Tim,
Dan, and David Moore

The tenth annual **Mary Moore Charity Golf Tournament** was held on August 19th and was a tremendous success. In addition to raising funds for Home of Hope's involvement with Special Olympics, this year also served as the launch for the **Mary Moore Family Endowment** to provide permanent funding for Home of Hope's Special Olympics activities. At the end of the day, this fund already



Coach Liz Cromwell with Home of
Hope golfers Cody, Guy, and Michael

stood at **\$6,100**. For information on contributing to the fund, or on creating a named endowment, call Ralph Richardson at (918) 256-7825, ext. 152 or email ralph.richardson@homeofhope.com.

We also want to thank the people at **RC Vending Services** for their generous donation of a portion of the proceeds from all their vending machines to Home of Hope!

