

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 lives."



From Christmas parties for the men and women in all of our programs, to special Christmas meals prepared by staff for individuals with

no family to visit, to gifts provided by volunteers who just wanted to make the lives of the men and women at Home of Hope brighter, December was filled with one truly heartwarming moment after another. Santa Claus has never

been more of a hero than he was to more than 200 men and women in Claremore, Vinita, Pryor, and Miami. Thank you for your part in making Christmas such a special experience for each of the men and women at Home of Hope this year.



Save the Date: On February 10th from 6 to 8 PM, Home of Hope will hold its annual **Chocolate Affair** at the Craig County Fairgrounds. Our target is to raise \$25,000 through this event this year for the programs and services at Home of Hope. For information on \$10.00 advance tickets, e-mail Kendra.Montana@homeofhope.com as soon as possible, or just come to the event and pay \$20.00 at the door. Hope to see you there!



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In the past year I've witnessed the amazing generosity of donors who have responded to needs ranging from funds for Special Olympics to furniture for the houses, from support for everyday care to a much needed refrigerator for our activities program. As each new opportunity has been presented, you've responded. Many of you also chose to invest in human lives through our end of year appeal, and if past years is an indication, gifts in response to that appeal will continue to come in throughout the month of January.

Like every nonprofit, Home of Hope relies on your gifts. Perhaps even more than most, we are blessed with donors who take this work very personally. Some of you are parents, guardians, or other family members of the men and women for whom Home of Hope exists. Others of you have been touched by the personal nature of their needs in one way or another. Regardless of how you came to support this work, thank you for making a difference. Your support is more of an encouragement to us than you can possibly imagine.



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While Santa was bringing gifts to the men and women in our programs, Christmas parties, a Christmas Ham giveaway, and other activities were going on to express appreciation for the extraordinary work Home of Hope's direct care staff do every day. 60 children from 30 different families of staff members were also blessed with gifts and food items

through our Angel Tree for children and families whose holiday might otherwise not be as bright.



Above, Aaron Brown gives a ham to a Home of Hope staff member. Left, Jason Bradley at a staff Christmas party along with Home of Hope residents Randy and Rebecca. Photobombing in the back is David Arrington.