

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."




On June 13th, the **Delaware County Friendship Homes** in Jay officially became a part of Home of Hope, and we could not be more excited to have them as part

of the family. Several months ago, the DCFH board approached Home of Hope about this possibility. With Oklahoma's continued budget issues and its devastating impact on services for individuals with disabilities, smaller organizations providing care for men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities are having a harder time than ever keeping the doors open. DCFH had very real concerns about whether it would be able to continue for much longer. After a lot of

discussion and consideration, both boards decided that DCFH becoming a subsidiary of Home of Hope was the best way to make sure that 49 men and women in Jay would continue to receive the services they need. From day one, Home of Hope's leadership has been deeply impressed with the hearts of the staff at DCFH. Throughout every step of this transition, everyone's focus at DCFH has been on the needs of the men and women served. It's the same heart we try to bring to work every day at Home of Hope, and we are truly proud to announce that these two organizations are joining together to provide more than 250 men and women with intellectual and physical challenges with the same opportunities in life that we all want and need.

Now servicing men and women in Vinita, Claremore, Miami, Pryor, and of course Jay, we're very proud of our new association with DCFH's **defending national champion Special Olympic Softball Team, the Fighting Peacocks**. A powerhouse in the world of Special Olympic softball, they have been invited to represent Oklahoma in the 2018 Special Olympics USA games in Seattle, Washington, an incredible honor also shared with Home of Hope's Special Olympic pentathlete **Jack Long**. Thanks for all you do to make their achievements possible!


Ralph Richardson, CEO
Home of Hope, Inc.



The Fighting Peacocks

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FINANCIAL CORNER: Home of Hope is about to turn 50!

Fifty for 50

As Home of Hope works toward its 50th anniversary in 2018, we are excited to roll out our **Fifty for 50** campaign. Not only will Home of Hope be participating in 50 acts of kindness in the communities it serves, but we are also seeking to add 50 new monthly donors in each of these communities. **Join our monthly donor club at whatever amount you can afford and you will**

receive a Home of Hope insulated stainless steel tumbler indicating your membership in our Hands of Hope monthly donor club as well as recognition on our website! Just call (918) 256-7825, ext. 152, email ralph.richardson@homeofhope.com, or go to our website to join other monthly partners in a truly extraordinary work.



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The Mary Moore Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Shangri-La Golf Club will be held on August 18th. This is the 11th year of this inspiring event raising funds for Home of Hope's involvement in Special Olympics. To participate or to become a sponsor, contact Jack Moore at (918) 557-7670 or at jmoore1320@gmail.com. **Meanwhile, Home of Hope's Grand Celebration on June 3rd was an incredible success.** Special thanks to Governors **Fallin, Henry, Keating, Nigh, and Walters** for attending, and Governor **Boren** for taking part via video while still recovering from surgery! Thanks also to all who attended and made this a great night.

