

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."



On February 11th at 5:59 PM the main building at the County Fairgrounds in Vinita were empty except for the men and women preparing to

distribute everything from ribs to chocolate covered strawberries. A few minutes after the doors opened at 6:00 the room was filled with people, laughter, and goodwill. By the end of the night, **well over 600 people** had come and gone, over **\$4,500** had been spent on the silent auction, and a net total of more than **\$22,000** had been raised to support Home of Hope's efforts for adults with developmental disabilities.

A record attendance for Home of Hope's annual Chocolate Affair. A record amount raised. A great night on behalf of men and women facing the challenges in their lives of living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

You may know that nights like this aren't just exciting for us—they're **the difference between what we can and what we can't do** for men and women whose lives and quality of life depend not just on our willingness but on our ability to provide the supports they need. They're the difference between a philosophy of doing only what the minimal funds available for them will support, and one of

raising the funds needed to do what is actually needed to sustain and enrich their lives.

So as a few of our residents and staff "toast" you (below, left) with cupcakes from this year's booth at the event, **here's to you for your continued support to make good things possible every day** for the 200 people whose lives Home of Hope touches throughout the year. **You are making a difference for them!**

Ralph Richardson, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer



Thanks for your support. You make it all possible!



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FINANCIAL CORNER: **small gifts add up to big gifts!!!**

I'm a monthly donor to Home of Hope. It lets me spread my giving out throughout the year, which in the end lets me give more than if I was doing it all at once. It also lets Home of Hope know it can count on my gift to be there each and every month throughout the year. Have you thought of giving monthly to make the work at Home of Hope possible? Your monthly gift of even **\$5.00** or **\$10.00** would add up to something big for the men and women who count on us for support throughout the year. You can help by mailing us your gift or by donating on-line at www.homeofhope.com.

Monthly giving is as simple as clicking "make this recurring monthly." Thanks for doing all you can!



Have you remembered Home of Hope in your will?

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Promoting Choices, Independence,
and a Meaningful Way of Life

Save the dates...

- Please put May 1st on your calendar to participate in the annual **Rogers County Training Center golf tournament** to help support our vocational programs for individuals with special needs.
- Home of Hope will be co-sponsoring **free basic estate planning seminars** on April 21st at 8:15 AM and April 23rd at 5:45 PM. More information will go out as the dates get closer.
- On April 28th, Home of Hope is proud to co-sponsor a **free informational seminar on establishing Special Needs Trusts**. This event will be at 6:30 PM at Kirk of the Hills in Tulsa. Please e-mail me at Ralph.Richardson@homeofhope.com for more information on any of these events.

On **March 19th, 20th, and 21st** in the **training center on our Vinita campus**, the men and women of Home of Hope will be starring in a special production of **The Wizard of Oz!** They are practicing hard, so please come out and cheer them on. **Please note the performance times have changed from those originally posted:** Thursday and Friday shows will kick off at **6:00 PM**. Saturday's show will be at **2:00 PM**.

