

# 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."*



**A lot can happen in one week at Home of Hope.** In the last week alone Home of Hope's Rogers County Training

Center was on Fox Channel 23 news after a wonderful visit and interview by news anchor Clay Loney, the Mi-

ami Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting in honor of Debbie Moses, our new Administrator of Home of Hope's homes in Miami, Claremore Mayor Bill Flanagan declared May 1st to be Rogers County Training Center Day at the Center's annual golf tournament, and 83 men and women from

Home of Hope participated in the Rogers County Special Olympics track meet. If you're not keeping up on all that's going on at Home of Hope, you're missing out!

Ralph Richardson, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer



## Annual Recognition Banquet and Charity Auction

Saturday, June 6, 2015, 6 p.m. @ Cherokee Yacht Club

Home of Hope is still accepting requests for tickets to this exciting annual event. Individual tickets are available for \$50.00. Sponsorships are still available for \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000 tables. Donations accepted if you can't attend. This event raises needed funds to continue the mission of Home of Hope. Contact [Kendra.montana@homeofhope.com](mailto:Kendra.montana@homeofhope.com) or call (918) 256-7825, ext. 135. We hope to see you there!

Donate online at [www.homeofhope.com](http://www.homeofhope.com)

**FINANCIAL CORNER: How will Oklahoma's budget crunch affect Home of Hope?**

The simple answer right now is that we really don't know. Our COO Dena Pitts and I have been to the State Capitol numerous times over the past months visiting face-to-face with Senators and Representatives. We've been well-received. We've told the story and provided the details of how Home of Hope and other similar programs have only received one rate increase from the state in nine years, and how the cost of living has dramatically exceeded that one increase. They are well aware that rate increases are needed, and that a cut would be devastating, but they do have a budget to balance and we have no idea what will happen. **What we do know is that an increase is unlikely, not only this year but in the near future. Your gifts of support are part of what keep this effort strong.** You do more than supplement state and federal funds. You fill in the wide gap between what is funded and what is needed. Thank you for making a difference!

*Have you remembered Home of Hope in your will?*



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**Last chance:** tickets are still available to hear **Steve Largent** speak at the **Rogers County Training Center's 30th Anniversary Banquet** at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, May 14th**. Contact Jodi Manning at (918) 256-7825, ext. 135 or email [Jodi@homeofhope.com](mailto:Jodi@homeofhope.com) for more information.



Pictured above, the **Miami Chamber of Commerce** came out in full force to welcome **Debbie Moses** and to learn more about Home of Hope's efforts in Miami. **Mayor Bill Flanagan** and his wife **Lou** are pictured with **Beth Ann and Jeff Jensen** at the RCTC Annual Golf Tournament.