

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."



After a certain age, not everyone likes to celebrate their birthdays. For many, turning 50 years old seems to be a particularly difficult milestone. For Home of Hope though, it was pure enjoyment. **On October 15th, Home of Hope marked the official 50th anniversary of its founding.** Old friends and new ones gathered in the main building in Vinita where it all started.

Events like these are a great opportunity to reflect on the growth and changes in a 50 year time span. The history of the Rogers County Training Center in Claremore, and of the Delaware County Friendship Homes in Jay, and how these are now such an important part of Home of Hope's overall history. The pioneering efforts of people like **Jane Hartley, Laura Cupp, Ruth Smith, Barbara Farley, and Kathy Cearley.**




Thanks to the generosity of **Jack Luginbuel**, a sizable time capsule was filled with aspects of Home of Hope's history and memorabilia of 2018. Newspaper and television coverage were provided, which is always a plus for a non-profit organization that depends heavily on the generous donations of the public.

Home of Hope has indeed grown dramatically over its 50 year span. From the small program started in what is now the office building in Vinita, and the small programs started in Claremore and Jay, Home of Hope now serves more than **250** men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the year. To put into perspective what it takes to provide

that kind of service around the clock all year long, last year **739,000** hours of direct care services were provided by Home of Hope's staff members. Men and women who dedicate themselves at an exceptional level to the care of people with Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, Fragile X syndrome, traumatic brain injuries, autism and a host of other disabling conditions.

All of which brings me back to what we're truly most proud to celebrate after 50 years. **When Home of Hope began, this was a truly personal undertaking by mothers of individuals with special needs. The care for each individual life is just as personal today.** And hopefully, if we get it right, in another 50 years we'll be saying the same thing.


Ralph Richardson, CEO
Home of Hope, Inc.



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COMPANIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Home of Hope has enjoyed recent volunteer days from companies such as HydroHoist, Kum&Go, and Capital One. The impact of these days far exceeds the volunteer hours spent painting walls and sorting thrift store items. The interaction with our staff and with the men and women we serve is a huge encouragement. If your company would like to get involved, give us a call at (918) 256-7825, ext. 152.



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Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the **Cresap Family Foundation**, Home of Hope was able to build a beautiful new greenhouse that will begin operating soon in an exciting partnership with Vinita FFA students who will not only assist in planting, cultivation, and sales, but will mentor men and women in our programs as they enjoy the greenhouse as a wonderful quality of life activity.

Meanwhile, the **Mary Moore Charity Golf Tournament** held in August at the Shangri-La Golf Resort raised \$23,000 to support the broad range of

Special Olympic efforts at Home of Hope. \$18,000 of this is applied to direct costs of Special Olympic efforts, and \$5,000 is applied to the Mary Moore Family Endowment to provide long term funding and stability for these same efforts. To learn more about establishing a names endowment in honor or memory of your loved one, call **Misty Bingham** at (918) 256-7825, ext. 168.



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