

# 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."*



## Changing the world one store at a time...

What if going to work today meant you got to teach

someone a skill no one had ever taken the time to teach them?

What if your presence meant someone who had always been told they would never be capable of holding a job could earn (not be *handed*, but *earn*) a paycheck of their own?

What if you could help make needed clothing and household items available to members of the community who would otherwise not be able to afford them for themselves or for their children? For **Amanda Boyles**, all of these things are true every day of the week. Amanda is a job coach at **Centsible Spending** in Pryor, one of Home of Hope's six different resale stores that serve as places of work for men and women with developmental disabilities and for the community to find quality items at a great price. Home of Hope operates Centsible Spending stores in Vinita,

Claremore, Miami, Pryor, and just across the border in Chetopa, Kansas. These stores rely almost entirely on donated items and can use almost everything, from clothing to household items, from DVD's to furniture. Thanks to the donation of a building by **Joe Gunn**, a grant from the **Donna Nigh Foundation**, and a tremendous amount of work by our staff, **Home of Hope has just added a distribution center in Vinita as well.** Located at 1300 Industrial Drive, the distribution center gives you an additional place to drop off all that stuff you'd like to clean out of your garage. It also gives the men and women in our programs an additional place to work, separating and sorting items to be taken to meet the needs of customers at our different stores. Next door to the distribution center is our new **Last Stop Shop**, your last chance to purchase substantially discounted items before they disappear from our inventory. Home of Hope's stores are the ultimate win-win-win. The

revenue the stores bring in goes directly to support the programs and services at Home of Hope. The stores provide a tremendous benefit to the community. And moments like Terry getting his paycheck (pictured above) make it all worthwhile. As Amanda puts it, "I love my store, my customers, the men and women I work with." Come see what the fuss is all about. Our stores are open **Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 5:00.** Come and shop. Donate those clothes and other items you know you need to get rid of. You'll leave a richer person.

*Terry Richardson*



Amanda, top center, with workers Terry, Diana, Betty, Sue, and Tiffany

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**FINANCIAL CORNER: THE CHECK (REQUEST) IS IN THE MAIL!**

A letter was sent out this week giving all our supporters an opportunity to help with the quality of life activities that make such a difference for the men and women at Home of Hope. Special Olympics. Rodeos. Bingo. Dances. Plays. Carnivals. A lot of fun for men and women who deserve every bit of it. But if you think that also sounds like a lot of money being spent, you might be surprised. Like most non-profits, Home of Hope has learned to stretch a dollar. Bingo prizes are generally donated. Carnival games are hand made by **Ruby Stelle**, our activities coordinator. Sets for our theatrical productions are built by staff and volunteers. A lot of effort to create a lot of opportunities for fun and social interaction. But there is cost. Materials. Food. A refrigerator for drinks and snacks. Simple things that your support can provide. When you get our letter, please consider a gift of support to make it all happen. You can make a difference.

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



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and a Meaningful Way of Life

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960 W. Hope Road  
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**Come shop or donate items at any of our locations:**

- **Vinita:** 435 S. Wilson
- **Miami:** 3 N. Main
- **Claremore:** 117 N. Missouri
- **Pryor:** 303 E. Graham
- **Chetopa, Kansas:** 514 Maple
- **Vinita Distribution Center and Last Stop Shop:** 1300 Industrial Drive

*All stores are open from 9:00 to 5:00 Mon—Fri. Some locations open Saturday.*

