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The Dawn of Hope Spring Luau

THANK YOU FOR OUR BEST YEAR YET!

The Dawn of Hope Foundation hosted the 6th Annual Spring Luau at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City on Thursday, April 29. Thanks to the Major Sponsor of the event, Cherokee Distributing Company, table sponsors, auction donors and ticket holders—we doubled our profits from 2009, raising over \$40,000 to help with crucial renovations at our Stratton facility. *Amazing!!*



That night, \$10,000 fell into the hands of Jim Leinbach, Tim Stone and Bill Hampton. Another \$2,000 was given away in smaller cash prizes to: Auto Plus, Anne Vaughn, Business Resource Group, Caryl Griffin, Frank Hawkins, Gerald Burns, Garry Shipley, Joanne Gilmer, John Abe Teague, Kay Smith, Leangela Alread, Linda Phillips, Maria Hetke, and Vasili Maslakou.



The event would not have been possible without the dedication of the event's planning committee: Tim Smith, Sam East, Ed Gibbons, Duke Hall, Tom Harris, Jacob

Higginbotham, Rob Hungate, Tim Jones, Jim Jordan, Harvey Justice, Roger Kennedy and Rob Sampson. Executive Director Lee Chase praised the committee for the successful event and thanked members of the Dawn of Hope Foundation Board of Trustees and Board of Directors for selling 378 raffle tickets. Top sellers were Tim and Valda Jones, with 62 tickets.

Dawn of Hope is blessed to have such generous and concerned community partners to help us care for the wonderful individuals we serve. Thank you for your support and thank you for caring!

If you would like more information on the event, please call the Dawn of Hope Foundation at 423-722-1689.



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A LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEE CHASE

It's been a tough spring this year with the Tennessee General Assembly facing the difficult task of deciding what departments, programs, or jobs to cut in order to balance the budget.

Regarding funding reductions to the Division of Intellectual Disability Services, Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey stated last fall that "we've cut about as much as we can cut. . . . If there is a legitimate reason for government to exist it's to help those that can't help themselves."

His remarks are very true. However, Tennessee community programs like Dawn of Hope are slated for about \$35 million in reductions effective June 30, with the loss of stimulus/recovery funds. On the table this year in Governor Bredesen's budget are some \$53 million in further proposed reductions, with the final outcome to be determined.

What does this all mean? Last week I was called by the father of a 27-year-old man who had been cared for at home since injury in a car accident at age 17. The family was seeking residential services due to their physical inability to continue the total care their son required. When I told the father that we could help—he just broke down and said "Praise God for you and your organization." Through my own tears I replied "That's what we're here to do."

That is what we do—enriching the lives of those with intellectual disabilities (and their families). But what you do is so important. Thank you for all the support you provide to the Dawn of Hope Foundation through our fund raising efforts—our recent Spring Luau which raised a record \$43,000, and our upcoming Golf Classic in August. Yes we do—but we couldn't do without you.

We've enclosed a form and giving envelope for the Golf Classic. We welcome you to be a player, a sponsor or a donor. All proceeds from the tournament will help provide new programs as well as improve existing programs for those we serve at Dawn of Hope. Programs are the lifeblood of this agency as they offer continuing education and creative opportunities—two things we all need but are crucial for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you in advance for financially supporting the Golf Classic and helping us continue to improve lives at Dawn of Hope.

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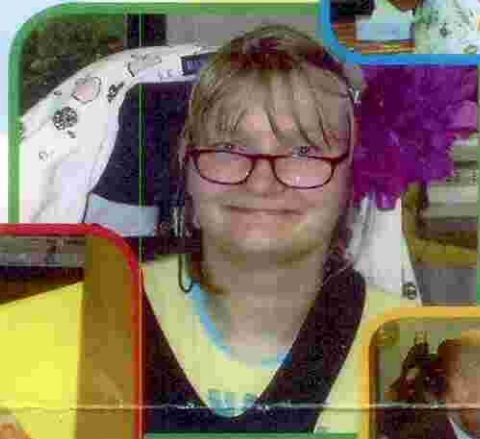
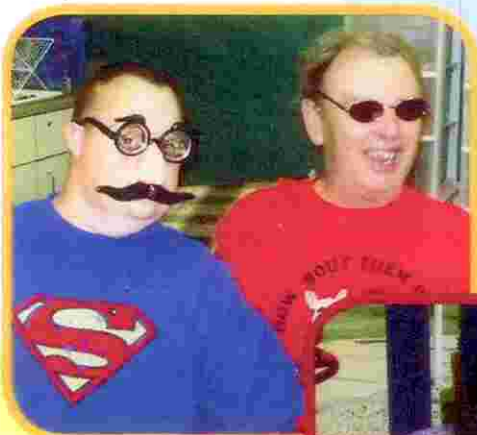


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The area Wendy's restaurants have been a major player in the employment of intellectually disabled citizens in Upper East Tennessee. We have six Wendy's stores in our area and five out of six have employed service recipients through the Dawn of Hope. Dawn of Hope is currently working with three stores.

The philosophy of the Wendy's managers has been nothing but positive. They have even helped obtain employment within other restaurants in the area. From the corporate office, to the district manager, to the general managers, to the assistant managers, we have found the Wendy's personnel to be excellent in the employment of service recipients. In 2009 Wendy's restaurants received the TNCO Employer of the Year Award. Congratulations to the local Wendy's Restaurants for the award and thank you for supporting the mission of Dawn of Hope, Inc.



Sarah recently received her two-year pin of service at a local Wendy's restaurant location.



Thank you to the local Wendy's management for their help in changing lives.