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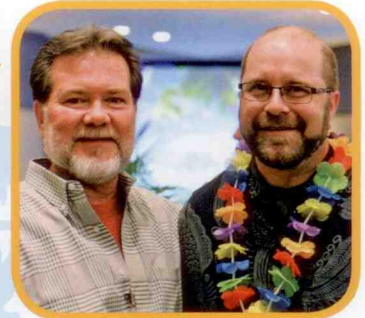
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The 9th Annual Spring Luau

The Dawn of Hope Foundation hosted the 9th Annual Spring Luau on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at the Millennium Centre in Johnson City, Tennessee. The Spring Luau is the Foundation's largest annual fundraiser and a feature event in the Tri-Cities area.



Left: Service recipient Donna and staff Cassie; Above: 2013 Spring Luau Co-Chairs Jeff Brunson and Rob Hungate; Below: Two of the three \$10,000 Reverse raffle winners — Jim Denton and Nina Marchioni



A sincere THANK YOU goes to Luau Major Sponsor Cherokee Distributing Company! We also thank all our event sponsors, donors, raffle ticket holders and the 40 Volunteers who helped to make this year's Luau an event to remember. This dedication and support from our business and community

partners raised more than \$55,000 to support life-enhancing programs for the 215 recipients served by Dawn of Hope.

Hawaiian-style luau fare, complimentary beverages at Harvey's Island Tiki Bar, a silent auction, tropical photos, dancing and a chance to win \$10,000 in the Big Kahuna Reverse Raffle were all part of the fun! The \$10,000 grand prize was split by Jim Denton, Dan Mahoney and Michael & Nina Marchioni. After the event, Dan Mahoney and Michael & Nina Marchioni donated half of their winnings back to Dawn of Hope!! Another \$2,250 was dispersed in smaller cash prizes to eighteen other lucky winners.

On behalf of everyone at Dawn of Hope, we thank all participants—especially our planning committee, Jeff Brunson, Rob Hungate, Nancy Brickey, Angie Campbell, Sam East, Marsha Grindstaff, Jim Jordan, Harvey Justice, Heather Hill, Maureen Mulroy, Cheri Quick, David Quick, Rob Sampson, Lynda Wexler, and Nora Jane Wexler. Your hard work made this event a tremendous success!

For more information, contact Dawn of Hope Foundation at lisapawley@dawnofhope.com or (423)722-1689.



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**WELCOME
TO OUR NEW BOARD OF
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Wendi Carter, Jeff Derby,
Sara Hacker, and
Nora Jane Wexler

**Special thanks
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Success!! Finally...

by Lee Chase, Executive Director

Our Winter 2013 Newsletter featured an editorial regarding a requested five percent state funding increase for provider agencies—the first increase since 2005. After much hard work by state-wide Tennessee Community Organization (TNCO) Member Agencies, the Legislature adjourned in April with an approved increase of \$2 million for agencies like Dawn of Hope. The percentage increase will be matched with approximately \$3.7 million in federal funding, resulting in a nearly 0.9% increase in Provider rates. While this was less than 20% of our initial request, Member Agencies are grateful. This increase was the largest re-occurring amendment approved in the Governor’s 2013/2014 budget.

Much credit for the success of ANY percentage increase goes to our Northeast Tennessee Legislative Delegation, including Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, Senator Rusty Crowe, and Representatives Matthew Hill, David Hawk, Tony Shipley, Jon Lundberg, Kent Williams, Timothy Hill, and Micah Van Huss.

Senator Crowe’s Health and Welfare Committee invited me to testify to the Budget Finance Committee about the plight of Service Providers throughout the State that have not received percentage increases in more than eight years. Gaining momentum, our ENTIRE Northeast Tennessee Delegation sponsored the amendment—representing one-third of the twenty-three House co-sponsors. In the final days of Session, the Governor joined Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey in awarding final approval to the modified amendment.

I am proud and appreciative of our Delegation’s support, and hope that you, too, will let them know of your appreciation!

CONGRATULATIONS, COMMISSIONER!



Board of Trustees Member David Tomita was recently elected to the Johnson City Commission. David has served on the Dawn of Hope Board of Trustees since 2009, supporting our Programs with his knowledge and experience.

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