



2013 Annual Fund

Thank You!

– To the amazing individuals who have supported Dawn of Hope for more than 40 years! As we begin the Fall Season, we are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped us enrich the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We raised more than \$55,000 at the Dawn of Hope Spring Luau in May, more than \$34,000 at the 26th Annual Golf Classic in August, and welcomed 7 new service recipients to Dawn of Hope. Through your gifts, generosity and dedication YOU have helped to bring life and opportunity to men and women that truly inspire us on a daily basis.

Please join us as we

CELEBRATE PAUL and his inspirational journey.....

Paul came to Dawn of Hope in July 1998, exhibiting significant disruptive behaviors, leaving staff struggling to manage his unpredictable conduct. Paul had frequent unprovoked anger management occurrences on a daily basis in both the Residential and Vocational Programs in which he participated.

The true turning point for Paul began when he was introduced to newly hired Job Coach/Direct Support Professional Craig. When Paul met Craig, there was an instant connection, and a bond of mutual trust and respect was quickly formed. Working together, Paul and Craig began identifying underlying causes and triggers that resulted in these aggressive behaviors and developed strategies to assist with managing and redirecting Paul's aggression into a more productive expression of his anxiety.



Paul quickly recognized the impact these strategies had on people relations and his interactions with staff, which provided affirmative motivation. Paul began to form friendships with his peers at the Vocational Center and his housemates in the Residential Program. By redirecting his frustrations, Paul began to develop confidence and independence. New opportunities that had previously been unavailable to him in the public workforce started to open up. While choosing to remain employed part-time at the Vocational Center, Paul began working with his Job Coach on the Discovery Process to identify alternatives to supported employment and seek opportunities with a public employer.

Through the combined efforts of his Job Coach, his Placement Services Manager, and through personal determination, Paul secured a part-time position at a local restaurant, where he is still employed.

Today, Paul wakes every morning, packs his bag lunch and eagerly awaits his Job Coach's arrival so he can go to the restaurant and begin his work day. Paul's duties include maintaining the restaurant's outside grounds to ensure the property is in prime condition for lunch and dinner guests.

Paul's extraordinary journey the past few years has completely changed his life. Through his hard work and personal relentless determination, the negative behaviors that were previously exhibited are virtually non-existent. Paul has increased his self-esteem and confidence, has successfully been integrated into the public working community, has a plethora of close friends and colleagues, and possesses an overall better quality of life. He continues to motivate himself on a daily basis, gain additional control over his behavior, and forge new friendships.



Paul's story is just one example – there are so many more men and women who participate in Dawn of Hope programs that your support has helped. We want to sincerely thank you for standing behind our organization and for helping us to significantly enrich and change the lives of the adults we serve. We thank you for your gifts and contributions during 2013 and look forward to continuing a lasting and meaningful partnership with you for many years to come! **Please consider making a donation to help continue to change lives. THANK YOU!**