

**Dawn of Hope** exists to build confidence and skills in adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are blessed to see many amazing transformations in our service recipients and it is always exciting to share a wonderful success story with you – the amazing individuals who have supported the agency for more than 40 years. Through your gifts, you have helped to bring life and opportunity to men and women that truly inspire us on a daily basis. One particular lady we would like to celebrate and share her story is Donna...

It would be hard to imagine that this now very confident woman used to hang her head when talking - barely giving one word answers. To meet Donna now, you would never believe that she was once too shy to look people in the eye. She was friendly, but quiet and never started a conversation.

During the 10 years she has been with Dawn of Hope, she has gone through a total transformation. The Donna we all know and love is now a vibrant woman full of life and excitement. You never see her without a smile. If you have been to our Spring Luau, she is the lovely lady you see turning the raffle drum. Standing in front of a crowd would have been impossible for her before.

One of the biggest accomplishments for Donna is acquiring a job with Holston Medical Group in Kingsport. Once too shy to look people in the eye, she is now responsible for greeting patients and families that come to Holston Medical. She works on 5 different floors and helps people to relax as they wait for their appointments. She is also responsible for straightening up the waiting rooms. The Staff of Holston Medical Group has said the contact Donna has with the patients helps and she has become a tremendous asset to their

company. She is very successful in her job and loves to go to work.

Donna's success was possible because of the opportunities she has received at Dawn of Hope. Those opportunities were possible because of YOU! We want to thank you for standing behind Dawn of Hope and for changing lives. Donna is just one example – there are so many more men and women that you have helped. Thank you for your gifts during 2010 and all of the years before. Your heart to help people and gifts of support have allowed Dawn of Hope to stand for 43 years!

Please consider making a donation and continuing to change lives.

With great thanks,

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