

# The Sunrise

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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.



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](mailto:lisapawley@dawnofhope.com) or (423)722-1689.



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



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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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## MR Foundation Awards grant

**M**R Foundation of Tennessee, Inc., a Knights of Columbus sponsored charity, awards Dawn of Hope with a \$12,492 grant to assist in the purchase of three additional transportation mini buses. Dawn of Hope provides transportation services for participants to and from their homes, individual programs at the Dawn of Hope Developmental and Vocational Centers, employment, appointments, and personal or family events. Services extend to Carter, Greene, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties; transporting more than 150 individuals per day and travelling an average

of 62,500 miles per month. Transportation staff have skills training in: defensive driving, American Red Cross CPR & First Aid, certified in Sur-Lok wheelchair restraint & securement, seizure disorders, behavior supports, ADA, abuse prevention, protection from harm and sensitivity training.



Jim Haselsteiner  
presents check to  
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### THE DAWN OF HOPE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

## The Dawn of Hope Praise Choir!

**F**ormed in March, the Praise Choir is led by Dawn of Hope staff member Benji Turner and consists of nine Service Recipients who have shown interest in expressing themselves through music. The group meets weekly to practice songs such as "Amazing Grace", "I'll Fly Away" and "Jesus Loves Me", and will be available to sing at special celebrations that take place at the Development and Vocational Centers, for guests and visitors, and in nursing homes located throughout the community. The Praise Choir allows an opportunity for Service Recipients to participate in a setting that stimulates group interaction where unified goals are achieved

by following directions, increasing communication and providing a chance for participants to "give back" to those around them through the joy and beauty of song.



## Johnson City Country Club Centennial Committee swings into action!

The Johnson City Country Club awards \$1,000 of proceeds, raised during their Centennial Celebration, to Dawn of Hope. Donations made to Dawn of Hope provide assistance in providing high quality, caring, individualized services to enrich the lives of the adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities we serve in Northeast Tennessee.



The Dawn of Hope Ladies League hosted their first bake sale on May 10. Staff and visitors were tempted with a variety of decadent treats including cupcakes, cookies, peanut butter pie and more! More than \$157 was raised to provide arts & craft supplies, educational materials, and a pizza celebration!



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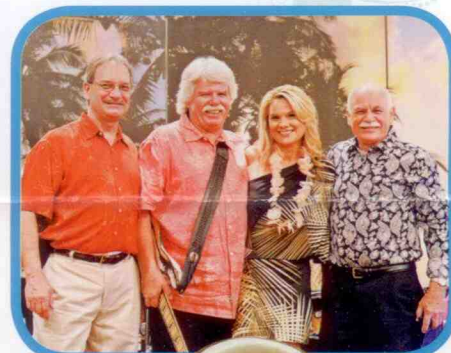
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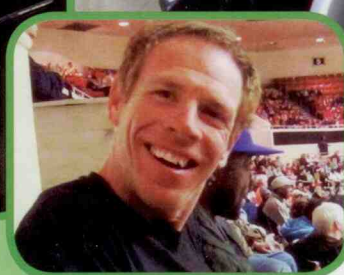
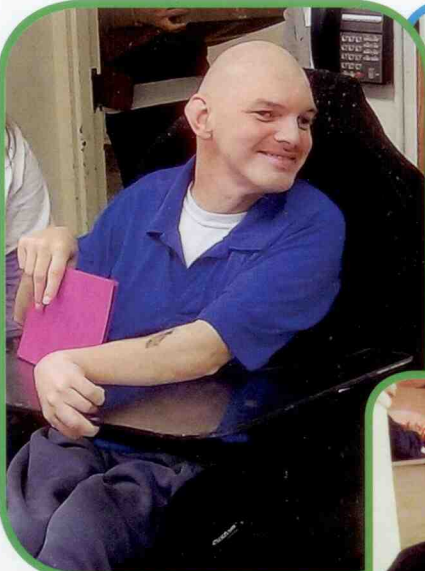


# Fun at Dawn of Hope!



## THE MISSION OF DAWN OF HOPE

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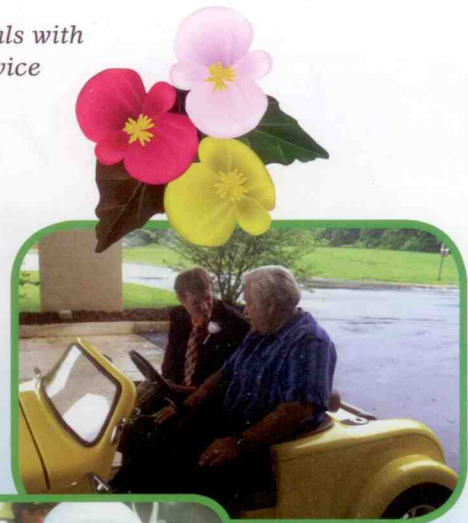
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The Joy Prom, Grace Fellowship Church's annual spring event for individuals with special needs and their families, was held on May 10th. Dawn of Hope Service Recipients were invited to an evening of free games, pamper stations, horse-and-carriage rides, photography, and dancing!

## Joy Prom





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