

# The Sunrise

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## The 10th Annual Spring Luau

The Dawn of Hope Foundation hosted the 10th annual Spring Luau, presented by Cherokee Distributing Company, on Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 6pm to 10pm 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.

The casual, tropical themed event included a Hawaiian-style roast pig, heavy hors d'oeuvres, complimentary beverages at Harvey's Island Tiki Bar, and beach music by 40 West. Festivities also included chancing the odds in the Heads or Tails game, fun photos in the Tropical Photo Booth, testing the luck of guests who participated in the Big Kahuna Reverse Raffle for a chance to win \$10,000, and bidding in the live and silent auctions!



The Spring Luau brings in funding that is vital to our success as an organization. Every year we are humbled by the generosity of all who contribute. This year's event was sponsored by more than 88 businesses, community partners and donors. More

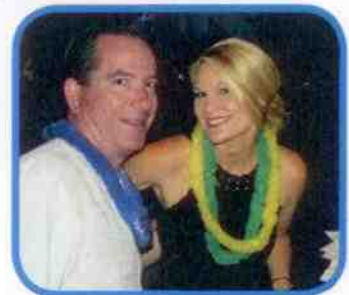
than 350 guests attended. Total proceeds exceeded \$53,000, which will help support Dawn of Hope's mission to provide the highest quality of individualized and caring services to more than 210 adults in our region with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

On behalf of the Dawn of Hope Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Staff and Service Recipients, we extend our utmost gratitude to our event sponsors, in-kind sponsors, raffle ticket holders, donors and volunteers who helped to make this year's Spring Luau an event to remember!

The night of the Luau, the \$10,000 Reverse Raffle grand prize was split between three lucky winners — Michael Green, Kevin Horne and Steve Sonneberger. Another \$2,000 was dispersed in smaller cash prizes to sixteen other lucky winners. Congratulations to all our winners!

The achievements of the 2014 Spring Luau were a result of the hard work of several very important individuals — the Dawn of Hope Luau Planning Committee. Thank you to Jim Jordan, Cheri Quick, Jeff Brunson, Angie Campbell, Wendi Carter, Jeff Derby, Sam East, Marsha Grindstaff, Rob Hungate, Harvey Justice, Dustin Mohr, Maureen Mulroy, David Quick, Rob Sampson, Lynda Wexler, and Nora Jane Wexler for all of their time and efforts with ensuring this year's Spring Luau was a tremendous success!

For more information, contact Dawn of Hope Foundation at [lispawley@dawnofhope.com](mailto:lispawley@dawnofhope.com) or (423)722-1689.



Left, Board Members Lynda Wexler and Karel Elbers; Above, Jon Henry & Amy Lynn (Emcee)

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## As We Know It...

by Lee Chase, Executive Director

In the movie *Return of the King*, the final of the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy, hobbits Frodo and his Uncle Bilbo are engaged in an emotional good-bye as Bilbo prepares to depart middle earth to live out his remaining life with the elves. Passionately pleading with his uncle to remain in the shire, Bilbo firmly states his reasoning for his decision. "Frodo, the world as we know it is changing." I find myself reflecting on that simple line.

The reality is that we do live in a changing world. While I am generally a proponent of change, some of the imminently approaching (December 2014) changes to the Medicaid Waiver (the State and Federal funding program utilized to pay for the services to adults with intellectual disabilities) stir fear in my heart for the future care and options available for one of our most vulnerable populations.

The US Department of Justice (USDJ) along with the federal Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS), are in the process of implementing changes that will drastically impact the services available and the requirements of care givers for individuals with intellectual disabilities funded by the Medicaid Waiver. These impending changes from CMS are expected to ultimately eliminate facility based services like the Dawn of Hope Developmental Day Program and Vocational Program—which CMS and USDJ now define as isolated, segregated environments. In place of these facilities, in order to receive funding, individuals will be spending up to six hours a day in the community. These regulatory changes are being driven by the Olmstead Court Decision, a ruling that requires states to eliminate unnecessary segregation of persons with disabilities and to ensure that persons with disabilities receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs; and a re-commitment from the Obama Administration to strictly enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Change can be positive, and some of the proposed changes will allow services to be provided for more individuals from the 7,000+ waiting list. However, I can't help but have concerns for many of those we currently serve, who have extremely complex individual needs. Many of our service recipients require specialized diets, personal care assistance with toileting and ambulation, and assistance with pugnacious behaviors. Most of my distress relates to the discomfort and lack of dignity of addressing the personal care needs of an adult in a public setting, the additional costs

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## Special Olympics

On Friday, May 2, participants from around the Tri-Cities gathered in the ETSU Mini-Dome to compete in various Special Olympics events. Our service recipients were honored to participate in such an exciting day and to celebrate one another's victories.



"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I  
CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE  
BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."

— EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER

### Thank you LabConnect!

Dawn of Hope would like to extend a big thank you to LabConnect and Ms. Diane Hicks for the very generous donation of 23 work tables and 29 chairs to the Vocational Center—with a promise of more to come. The Dawn of Hope Vocational Program is focused on offering program participants an assortment of employment opportunities. Employment promotes independence, identity and self-confidence to all individuals. Thank you so much for your continued partnership!

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associated with extra staff, vehicles and vehicle related expenses, and the safety and security of being on the road for up to six hours a day. The idea of forcing adults with intellectual disabilities to spend six hours a day in the community, dictating acceptable activities that will be considered "in the community" and removing the option of attending a day program or working for a paycheck in a vocational center literally contradicts the Person-Centered Philosophy currently being heavily promoted by DIDD. A highly merited program, the Person Centered philosophy, has become the preferred method of offering services because it discovers and acts on what is important to the individual receiving services. It is a process for continual listening and learning, focusing on what is important to someone now and in the future and acting on this in alliance with their family and friends. Currently, our recipients are provided "person-centered" care by staff in a consistent, safe environment. Here they have built friendships, are provided opportunities for learning necessary life skills, and are encouraged to get involved in the community based on their individual areas of interest.

We all need to really think about the direction we are headed while we have a chance. My final thought on this: What happens if Federal and State agencies decide THIS method may not be in-line with ADA? Do they truly understand what individuals with disabilities want for their lives?

Oh well, I'm sure there are those that believe this is the right direction — and perhaps it is time I should just go live with the elves!

*Note: CMS is expected to give final guidance for community day settings in the very near future.*