

Dawn of Hope Foundation ANNUAL FUND DRIVE



Generosity is the heart of humanity.

-Lailah Gifty Akita

You CAN make a difference.....

“Do you want to help intellectually & developmentally disabled men & women live a life full of meaning and purpose?”

YOU can help someone like Joey – his heartwarming story is one of many, but one that may not have been possible without YOUR gift - GIVE TODAY!

THANK YOU! – We are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped us provide person centered supports to help people pursue the life they desire. 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. Read on and enjoy a glimpse of Joey’s journey....

Remember back when the closing of Greene Valley Development Center, the last institution in Tennessee, was announced? It was all over the media and many people were extremely concerned as to what would happen to the folks who still resided there. So what happened to them, where are they? Well... .. one very amazing gentlemen, Joey, was welcomed by Dawn of Hope in Johnson City! It all started in December 2014 when Joey and his conservator decided he would like to transition to Dawn of Hope. This was not his first experience with Dawn of Hope. Joey had been part of the education program until he was 13 years old. However, once the public school system began offering special education classes Dawn of Hope began serving adults only. Joey’s needs were so extensive he couldn’t attend the school system programs and was placed with Greene Valley Developmental Center, where he remained until now.



You can help create opportunities that people may not have otherwise - Donate Today!

Once Joey and his brother made the decision to come to Dawn of Hope the transition process began. Dawn of Hope staff started visiting Joey at GVDC to spend time with him and those who had been providing care. Dawn of Hope staff began to build a relationship with Joey; learning his personality, care needs, preferences and identifying obstacles he was facing. Staff quickly fell in love with his amazing smile and personality. Finally, in November 2015, Joey transitioned into Dawn of Hope’s supported living program.

Joey’s care needs are still extensive however, Dawn of Hope has all the tools to meet his individualized needs. Joey is non-verbal and

communicates with gestures & facial expressions. He can walk short distances with staff assistance but requires a wheelchair for any long distances and he occasionally suffers from anxiety induced physically aggressive behavior. Dawn of Hope’s caring, compassionate staffs are able to provide one-on-one physical and emotional support to assist Joey in living the life he desires. It’s easy to see how Joey feels about his new home, it is written all over his face! Joey is often smiling and enjoys joking around. He loves to listen to music, and enjoys being outdoors walking or people watching at the local parks. His favorite park is Warriors Path Boundless Park in Kingsport, TN!



Each dollar raised will go to enhancing the lives of real people. Real people like Joey.

Joey has smoothly transitioned from the Greene Valley facility into Dawn of Hope’s community based care program and is thriving! He currently lives in a home with two housemates and has access to staff assistance 24 hours a day. Joey has full access to his community and is expanding his support circle by making connections in the community. We are so very happy he chose to come back to Dawn of Hope!

Joey’s story is just one example – there are so many more men and women who participate in Dawn of Hope Programs that YOU can help by your CONTINUED financial support. GIVE TODAY!

Utilize the enclosed envelope or visit www.dawnofhope.com to donate online.

Thank you for caring and believing that everyone should have the opportunity to pursue the life they desire!