



# The Sunrise

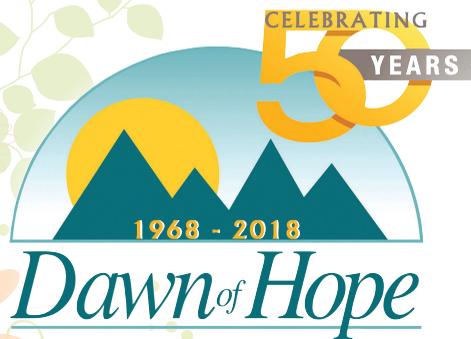
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## Looking ahead while looking back!

*2018 is finally here - A new year full of hope and promise!*

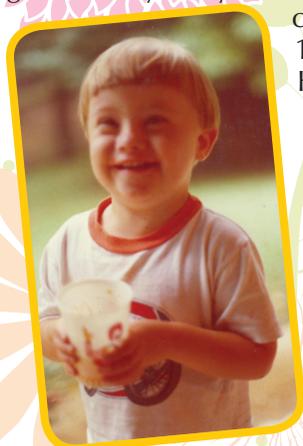
2018 is a very special year for Dawn of **Hope** as we celebrate our 50th year of serving individuals and families of Northeast Tennessee. On November 4th 1968 we opened our doors to five individuals – two of which we still serve today, about 10 blocks from the Stratton building in the basement of St. John’s Episcopal Church. I was a junior in high school that November also full of **hope** and promise.



First five people who received services at Dawn of Hope.

Dawn of **Hope** is a very distinctive name, and it could indicate a number of different missions which non-profits might embark. But let me paint the picture for you in 1968, so that you can better relate.

By 1968 – Tennessee Governors Frank Clement and Buford Ellington had lead efforts to upgrade the state’s institutions for the mentally retarded. And in 1968 if you were the parents of a child with mental retardation, you basically had two choices - you could keep the child at home and care for them yourselves OR place the child in one of the state institutions, Clover Bottom in Nashville, Arlington near Memphis and of course here in the East – Greene Valley. If you did, depending on where you lived, you might be able to visit weekly, but more often than not, much less frequently. The choices were not good, rarely see your child or devote most of your adult life caring for your child. Schools were not yet required to assist – it was 1975 before Congress passed the Education for All Handicapped Children Act.



So when community agencies like the Dawn of **Hope** began opening in Tennessee in the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s – a whole new option became available. Past Secretary of the Dawn of **Hope**, Vee Smith – in writing the early history of Dawn of **Hope** noted where the name originated. A parent [that had kept their child at home] exclaimed upon having her child accepted as a client of the agency, “this is just like the dawn of **hope** for us”. And indeed we have always felt that our services were not only for the individuals served

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**Don't miss this year's event...**

**Monday, April 30th at the Johnson City Country Club.**

*Details & sign-up info Inside...*

## Special thanks to the Dawn of Hope Boards:

*Welcome...* New Foundation Board of Trustees; Amanda Boyer, Karel Elbers, Mike Elbers, Doug Grant, Beth Miller, and Amanda Nesselth & Operations Board of Director; Steve Shell

### OPERATIONS BOARD

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### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Paula Bridges, *Director of Developmental Services*

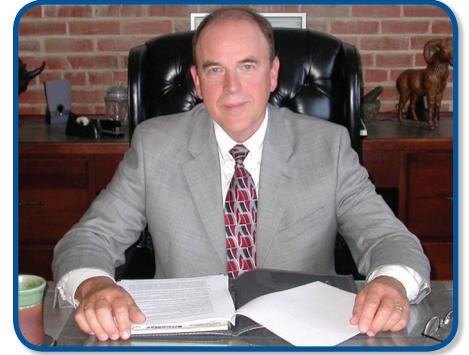
Jon Cardwell, *Director of Vocational Services*

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directly, but also for their families.

A 50th Anniversary Committee has been formed, composed of Operations and Foundation Board members, along with senior staff that has begun planning efforts for events throughout the year to commemorate not only the passage of time of our founding, but to celebrate the impact to the hundreds of lives of those served since 1968.

A lot has happened in 50 years, a lot has changed. But one thing has not – and that is our commitment to continue to be the **hope** and promise to individuals and families, even those we have yet to even see. Without this community and the support provided through the years, well we probably would not have seen this great day of recognition for **HOPE** coming.



## ORGANIZATION FACTS

P.O. Box 30, Johnson City, TN 37605

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Lee Chase

Ronnie Carr, *Director of Finance*

Steve Cox, *Director of Personnel*

Shannon Haney, *Director of Operations*

Sharon Lloyd, *Director of Health Services*

Bobbi Love, *Director of Residential Services*

Lisa Pawley, *Director of Public Relations and Development*

Pam Sams-Cox, *Director of Quality Improvement and Compliance*



Many of the people receiving services from Dawn of Hope do not have the financial means to celebrate their special day, participate in community activities and have never been on vacation. In 2017, through your donations and a Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser, we were able to provide numerous birthday parties, a variety of community outings, and 8 people spent a week at Myrtle Beach (4 of which had never been)!

Make a donation today and help fund an unforgettable experience for someone:

\$50 Donation – provides funds for participating in activities in the community; gas, food, entry fee etc.

\$100 Donation – provides a birthday party for someone; cake, decorations, birthday presents, etc.

\$300 Donation – provides funds to help pay for someone to take a vacation; food, lodging, gas, etc.



Donations can be made at [www.dawnofhope.com](http://www.dawnofhope.com) (note in comments which experience you would like your donation to go towards; Birthday, Vacation, or Community or note Experience and we will use it where it is needed most!)

Or mail check to (made payable to Dawn of Hope Foundation):  
Dawn of Hope Foundation  
Attn: Birthday, Vacation, Community, or Experience  
(we will put this where it is needed most!)  
P.O. Box 30  
Johnson City, TN 37605

### THE MISSION OF DAWN OF HOPE

Dawn of Hope is dedicated to providing person-centered supports to help people pursue the life they desire including community involvement and integrated work opportunities.

# Congratulations Mark!

Mark, an employee of Food City, was awarded his two year pin and recognized for his perfect attendance at an awards ceremony on January 23rd from Food City Manager Derek Adkisson. "I really enjoy working and helping whenever I can" said Mark when asked about his position at Food City.

Dawn of Hope's Vocational Program provides services and supports to assist people in finding and maintaining competitive, integrated employment. If you are interested in employment or your business is looking for ways to become involved in integrated employment contact Jon Cardwell at 423.434.5600 or joncardwell@dawnofhope.com.



## Spreading Cheer and Building Relationships

This holiday season was filled with lots of community fun and celebrations during which people enjoyed both old and new acquaintances. Here's a small taste of our festive adventures.

Several people participated, and won First Place, in the Unicoi County 4th Annual Gingerbread House Contest. This year's theme was "Come Home for Christmas" and all materials used in building the gingerbread house were edible. Another group of people created a wreath to be displayed at the Lamplight Christmas Wreath Exhibit at Sycamore Shoals State Park. Additionally, many people attended an afternoon showing of "The Star" and for those that wanted to get in touch with their "inner kid"; a trip to the Johnson City Mall to get pictures taken with Santa was just the thing to do.

The Developmental Day Program provides people with multiple opportunities to explore their interests, build friendships in their community, and gain independence. If you are interested in learning more about services provided or how to obtain services please contact Paula Bridges at 423.434.5600 or paulabridges@dawnofhope.com



# Home for the Holidays....

Ahh, 'there's no place like Home for the Holidays' a sentiment that was truly evident as people scurried about the business of decking out their homes for the holiday season with beautifully decorated Christmas Trees and holiday creations which were proudly displayed for friends and family to see.

Max and Paul shared their Christmas Spirit of giving by personally delivered gifts of delicious sugar cookies and rocky road candy to their friends.

And what would Christmas be without a good old fashioned Christmas Parade? Three Unicoi County resident ladies would agree it's even better when you can actually ride on the float and toss out candy to the eager crowd. Which is exactly what they did! Ho, Ho, Ho!

The Dawn of Hope is proud to offer an extensive Residential Supported Living Program which manages 25 community located homes supporting 2 to 3 people in each home. Renters are provided 24-hour support services including nursing staff, as needed. A dedicated vehicle at each home provides easy access for people to pursue interests, attend appointments, and run household errands.



## Rental applications for Houses of Hope Residential Units

3-bedroom handicap accessible community homes (36 rooms) available.

\*preferred eligibility for people with disabilities

110 Golf Course Rd. • 3220 Unicoi Dr. • 4961 Unicoi Dr.  
4963 Unicoi Dr. • 4967 Unicoi Dr. • 1915 Powder Branch Rd.  
1913 Powder Branch Rd. • 119 Wild Rose Ln. • 115 Wild Rose Ln.  
106 Rhododendron Ln. • 205 Clemmson Ct.

Applications available at Dawn of Hope  
500 E. Oakland Ave., Johnson City 37601  
or call (423) 434-5600 for an application.



## Go Paperless

Help us put more money into our programs! By receiving electronic communications in lieu of paper mail, you will help us save our resources for those who need it most!

Visit [www.dawnofhope.com](http://www.dawnofhope.com) and sign-up to receive newsletters and updates via email

# Holiday Fun



# Hope for the Holidays

**T**HANK YOU SO MUCH to all who donated gifts and/or made monetary donations to the Hope for Holidays Campaign. Holiday gifts were provided for more than 65 people..... that's 65 smiling faces on Christmas morning thanks to the generosity of community members and businesses listed below.

Hope for the Holidays Donors  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gavin Andrews  
 Mr. & Mrs. James & Ruth Brading  
 Ms. Billie Breeding  
 Ms. Vickie Burke  
 Mr. & Mrs. Banks & Judy Camak  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Conduff  
 Ms. Olivia Cooper  
 Mr. & Mrs. Andy Demski  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sam East  
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 Providence Academy 6th Grade Class  
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 Sapling Grove Surgery Center  
 Mr. Brackton Smith  
 CMSGT Bobby L Wagner  
 Ms. Cassie Warren  
 Ms. Ferissa Zepeda



## Thank You ...

**G**enerosity and kindness come in many forms.... We are so grateful for our supportive community that believes in the gift of giving, and so many of those do so year after year. We would like to recognize the AMAZING members of Orebank Church who brought a potluck lunch and gifts for more than 12 people who participate in the Active Elderly program, the WONDERFUL Sew Crazy sewers who donated more than 90 handmade stockings filled with goodies and to the FABULOUS ETSU flutists who treated us to beautiful holiday music! These gifts create memories that last well beyond the Season! Thank YOU!





Does your business need help with these services?

Quality Control • Box Formation • Recycling  
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# DAWN *of* HOPE WORKS.

Contact the Vocational Center at 423.434.5600 or visit dawnofhope.com for more information.



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## Memorials



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