



Home of HOPE

"We Make A Difference"

Promoting Choices,
Independence and a
Meaningful Way of Life!

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Special Olympics Wins BIG!

Home of Hope's Special Olympics team is one of the largest in the state, 117 athletes to be exact. It is one of the top 5% in the state for the number of athletes competing in Special Olympics Oklahoma (sook.org). Consider that number and the quality of training for our Olympic athletes and that equals success and a lot of medals.

But our team was recently the BIG winner at a totally different type of meet. This year Home of Hope's annual banquet ended with a gold medal performance of its own. Two of our athletes were in attendance and shared their success stories of overcoming obstacles with the crowd. It was then explained to the crowd that we did not have adequate uniforms and equipment for all our athletes and sports.

A special call out was made for donations to provide our athletes with new uniforms to compete at events. Hope supporters rallied around the cause and donated \$25,000, enough to purchase new uniforms for every Home of Hope athlete!

Your 2008 Year-End contributions will be used to support the operations of Special Olympics and Client Activities (unless otherwise designated by donor).

Home of Hope Special Olympics Team

Bowling Results

For Bartlesville Meet

52 Home of Hope
athletes competed.

HOH Medal Count: 52

20 First Place
15 Second Place
12 Third Place
5 Fourth Place

UPCOMING SPECIAL OLYMPIC EVENTS

State Equestrian Competition

November 15th, 2008

Stillwater, OK

2009 SOOK WINTER GAMES

January 9-10, 2009

2009 SOOK SUMMER GAMES

May 13-15, 2009

To Be Announced:

Additional Area Events for
Winter and Spring.

Visit Special Olympics Ok at

www.sook.org



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



**Home of Hope, Inc.
2008 Annual Report
by David Svedman, C.E.O.**

Home of Hope is proudly completing its 40th year of services to our clients. Another wonderful year, thanks to our consumers, the dedication of our staff and the generosity of family, friends and board members of our organization. The past year has gone by extremely fast and has been full of wonderful experiences and events. I have had the great pleasure to be involved in many of those activities with both the staff and our clients.

Nothing can compare to the big smiles I see at events like the Special Olympics, various rodeos, Will Rogers Parade, Fireworks, dances, along with monthly activities that include movie night and bingo. These happy events are a welcome addition to the active and productive life our clients share each day. Whether they choose to sleep in on Saturday or go shopping, they all enjoy a well deserved break.

At the end of 2007, charitable contributions propelled us into a much needed asset repair program for 19 of our homes as well as both Hope Industries and Rogers County Training Center. Our oldest homes are 24 years old and with rising costs of energy, we were able to take action and create more comfortable and efficient homes.

Repairs include:

- Back-up generators in 14 homes
- Carpet & paint in several homes
- Cleared severe ice storm damage and properly pruned trees
- Three bedroom addition to our Delaware Group Home
- Roof repairs & insulation
- New countertops & cabinets

As exciting as these improvements have been, even more extraordinary was my introduction of Insure Oklahoma Health Insurance Assistance Program through the State of Oklahoma. This has allowed us to offer, comprehensive and affordable health insurance to all employees. Not only has our health insurance premiums dropped for many employees, but we have also added more than 40 new single and family plans of coverage.

We are truly excited about the future as we approach our 41st year of providing excellence in residential and vocational services at Home of Hope. We diligently continue to work to diversify our services needed by our individuals and other citizens in our community. One of our main objectives is to focus on the ever increasing aging population and to be prepared to meet their mental and physical needs. Diseases such as Alzheimer's and dementia are a growing concern and we look to challenge it and provide the care and services that will enable our current residents to stay at Home of Hope.

Following the momentum of this year's Admiral's Banquet, we would like to direct 2008 end of year donations to support our Special Olympics and Client Activity programs. Your contributions are truly needed and make a difference in the lives of our individuals. We are dedicated to the people we serve and our contributors and look forward to a prosperous new year at Home of Hope.



Generating Comfort at HOME

The two most recent ice storms are now only a memory. Thanks to the generous donation from the Wodloe Foundation and an effective use of HUD funds, the next disruption of power will not be a problem for 88 individuals who live in 12 of our Intermediate Care Facilities and two Group homes. Contractors have just completed the installation of 14, 12 kilowatt automatic start generators which can power up to 90% of each home.

These generator units are directly wired into the electrical system and are powered by the homes natural gas supply. Whenever there is a power failure, the generator simply turns on automatically and powers up the house with next to no interruption. This project means that these residents will not have to be relocated the next time Mother Nature visits northeast Oklahoma with foul intent. This will further create a sense of security, a more stable home environment for our consumers as well as saving HOH the expenditures from refrigerated items to hotel bills.

As funds become available, it is our goal to equip the remaining Home of Hope owned homes, heated by natural gas, with generators. Approximately \$42,000.00 will provide these six HUD homes in Claremore with power, alleviating the chaos we have all experienced during evacuations. Please consider keeping this invaluable contribution on your Christmas list!

Saving Our Earth while Creating Jobs for People with Developmental Disabilities



Home of Hope's Community Recycle Projects

You have heard the saying 'One mans trash is another mans treasure'. It is certainly true for Home of Hope's community recycle projects in Claremore and Vinita OK..

Our recycle programs employ 70 people with developmental disabilities from four counties. They acquire valuable job skills, a sense of personal pride and the joy in earning their own paycheck.

2008 Growth!

- Increase of 108 bales of recycle material (2 ½ semi-truck loads stacked three high!)
- 100% growth in recyclable plastic
- 29% growth in business pick up locations for the recycle materials.

Monies received from the sale of our recycled materials are used to fund our workshop programs: Hope Industries & Rogers County Training Center.

Our communities benefit from the reduction in trash removal costs as well as having a productive group of citizens contributing to the local economy.

How Can YOU Help?

- 1) Sign YOUR business up for recycle pick up!
- 2) YOU can promote recycling to other businesses!
- 3) YOU can recycle YOUR household items!
- 4) YOU can donate cash to help purchase needed equipment to enhance & expand the programs.

Wish List

WHAT IS A WISH LIST?

A wish list is made up of needs that we do not receive funding for.

Donors choose to donate the items or the money for us to purchase them.

Activities & Special Olympics

- Bingo giveaways
- Sponsors for events, dances, karaoke & talent show.
- Sponsors for our Winter & Summer Olympic Games.
- Adaptive saddle
- Veterinary services
- Softball equipment

Contact the Development Director for spec's & cost of items on the wish list:
918.256.7825 x168
donate@homeofhope.com

WISH LIST • IN-KIND ITEMS NEEDED • WISH LIST

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR • UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan. 9-10

2009 Special Olympics
Winter Games!
Norman, OK

Feb. 11th

2nd Annual
Chocolate Affair
Historic Hotel Vinita

May 8-9

24th Annual Golf Classic
& Auction
Claremore, OK

June 13th

4th Annual Admirals
Recognition Banquet
Cherokee Yacht Club

CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

2009



Valentines Event!
& Hope '09 Fundraising
Campaign Kick-Off
February 11, 2008, 6-8pm
at Historic Hotel Vinita
107 W. Canadian, Vinita OK

Featuring:

- Varieties of chocolate delights!
- Chocolate Fountain
- Wine & cheese bar
- Gourmet coffees & hot cocoa
- Musical entertainment
- Special Silent Auction** with more than 50 items for every budget and a selection of 'Valentines' Gifts!

EVENT INFORMATION:
For tickets or to sponsor
or donate contact the
HOH Development Dept.
at 918.256.7825x168 or
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Happy 40th Anniversary

Home of Hope!

HOH Co-Founder
Laura Cupp Neely and
HOH Resident
Bobby Hartley

blowing out candles on
the anniversary cake at
our annual banquet.



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