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The Center of Family Love (CFL) has been selected as a finalist for the Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) Awards in the community health services category. The fourth annual ONE Awards, sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, will take place at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, on April 2, 2011. The event serves to honor and recognize some of the best nonprofits in the state. Jim Obrien, the Executive Director at CFL, stated “We are very honored and privileged to be selected as a finalist for this prestigious award from the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits. We believe in our mission which is to provide lifetime quality of care for individuals with developmental disabilities”. Out of 70 organizations nominated for this year’s awards, only 27 were named finalists. Awards are presented to a winner and two finalists in each of the following nine categories:

- Arts & Humanities
- Community
- Community Health Services
- Education
- Health Services
- Self-Sufficiency
- Seniors
- Sports & Recreation
- Youth Development

The winners in each category are awarded \$7,500, and two finalists in each category receive \$5,000. At the conclusion of the program, one nonprofit is selected as the overall winner and receives \$10,000 for its organization. A total of \$160,000 will be awarded to nonprofits that evening. Obrien stated, “We continue to promote awareness of developmental disabilities across the state of Oklahoma and how CFL provides services to assist our residents to live their lives as independently as possible. This award is a testament to the service and excellence shown by our employees and the support from our board. 2011 is an exciting year for CFL as we are expanding our services by constructing two new 16 bed intermediate care homes to meet the needs of the developmental disabled.” “All the finalists for this award deserve praise and recognition for the admirable service they provide to their communities,” said J. Jerry

Dickman, chairman of the ONE Awards Selection Commission. “These nonprofits represent some of the best in the state.”

The commission, chaired by J.Jerry Dickman (Tulsa), includes: Michael A. Cawley (Ardmore), Nance Diamond (Shawnee), Frederick Drummond (Pawhuska), Ken Fergeson (Altus), R.H. Harbaugh (Tulsa), Kim Henry (Oklahoma City), Phil Lakin, Jr. (Tulsa), Frank Merrick (Oklahoma City), Polly Nichols (Oklahoma City), the Rev. George Young (Oklahoma City) and Stanton L. Young (Oklahoma City).

The Center of Family (CFL) Love is a nonprofit agency located in Okarche, OK which provides quality lifetime care for individuals with developmental disabilities. CFL is home to 117 adults with the sole purpose to serve adults with profound or severe mental and motor disabilities. Our vision is to be the leading developmentally disability provider in the state of Oklahoma, which will result in individuals living their lives as independently as possible. CFL provides intermediate care (ICF/MR), geriatric care, residential group homes, and vocational services in three locations including Okarche, Kingfisher, and El Reno. Facilities in Okarche include an ICF/MR, the Loosen Geriatric Center, two residential group homes, a vocational workshop, a horticultural center, and a gift shop. Additionally, CFL has community residential group homes in El Reno and Kingfisher and a vocational workshop in Kingfisher.