

# CENTER OF FAMILY LOVE

“To provide quality lifetime care for individuals with developmental disabilities”

## Center of Family Love honored at fourth annual ONE Awards

The Center of Family Love (CFL) was named a finalist for the George Kaiser Family Foundation Award in the Community Health Services category this past Saturday at the fourth annual Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) Awards in Tulsa held at Southern Hills Country Club. In total, nine agencies were named winners of their unique category of service, and 18 received finalist awards. National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum was named the overall winner of the event and was awarded the \$10,000 Charles Schusterman Award for Excellence. In total, \$160,000 was awarded to 27 of the state’s top nonprofits.

The ONE Awards, hosted annually by the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, is a celebratory event that honors nonprofits throughout the state for serving and inspiring their communities.

Travis Campbell, event chair of the 2011 ONE Awards, praised the work of this year’s finalists.

“The 27 finalists being highlighted this evening are continually helping educate enrich and encourage people every day,” said Campbell. “Their commitment to excellence has set them apart.”

Located in Okarche, The Center of Family Love provides quality lifetime care for 117 individuals with developmental disabilities. The Center provides a continuum of care approach for its residents based on their level of disability to help them achieve their highest potential level and live as independently as possible. Jim O’Brien, Executive Director, said, “what an honor for the Center of Family Love to be selected as one of the 27 finalists out of over 70 organizations nominated. There are 19,000 non-profits in the state of Oklahoma and the Center being recognized as one of the 27 best nonprofits in the State says a lot about the services we provide to the Developmentally Disabled.”

David Blair, Assistant Executive Director, accepted the George Kaiser Family Foundation Award in the Community Health Services category on behalf of CFL the event. They were also awarded a \$5000 monetary gift.

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Finalists for the ONE Awards are nominated and selected by the ONE Awards Selection Commission, chaired by J. Jerry Dickman of Tulsa. The commission, made up of community leaders from throughout the state, meets annually to identify and reward nonprofits that exhibit excellence in their daily operations.

The commissioners include 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).

“Our commission nominated each finalist based on their overall impact and organizational accountability,” said Campbell. “We are all very proud of the work of each nonprofit here tonight.”

Of 70 nonprofits originally nominated for a ONE Award, only 27 were selected as finalists.

“It was a great evening and I want to thank the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits for recognizing the Center of Family Love and all of the other great nonprofit organizations at this event. We are truly blessed to have a great board and staff who care about our residents. This award reflects what we are all about. We plan to use the money towards furnishing our two new 16 bed ICF/MR buildings which are due to open in September, 2011,” said Blair.

The complete list of Saturday’s ONE Awards winners is as follows:

The Barnett Family Foundation/Moran Family Foundation Award: Sports and Recreation Category Winner: Shiloh Camp (Oklahoma City)

Finalists: Schools for Healthy Lifestyles (Oklahoma City); YMCA of Greater Tulsa

Potts Family Foundation Award: Education Category Winner: Gloria Ainsworth Child Care and Learning Center, Inc. (Ardmore)

Finalists: Leadership Oklahoma, Inc.; Oklahoma Arts Institute

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Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation/Herman Kaiser Foundation Award: Seniors Category Winner: LIFE Senior Services (Tulsa)

Finalists: Health Services Foundation, Providence Place Assisted Living Center (Woodward); Rebuilding Together OKC

Sarkeys Foundation/Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits Board of Directors Award in honor of the Selection Commission: Arts and Humanities Category Winner: National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Finalists: Art on the Square Association (Mangum); Black Liberated Arts Center, Inc. (Oklahoma City)

George Kaiser Family Foundation Award: Community Health Services Category Winner: Counseling and Recovery Services of Oklahoma (formerly Associated Centers for Therapy) (Tulsa)

Finalists: Center of Family Love (Okarche); Health for Friends (Norman)

Chesapeake Energy Corporation Award: Health Services – Large Category Winner: St. Anthony Hospital, Behavioral Medicine Center (Oklahoma City)

Finalists: Children’s Hospital Foundation (Oklahoma City); Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa

Hillcrest HealthCare System/Inasmuch Foundation Award: Youth Development Category Winner: Tulsa Boys’ Home

Finalists: Multi-County Youth Services (Clinton); Youth Services for Oklahoma County

The H.A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Foundations Award: Self-Sufficiency Category Winner: Stand in the Gap Ministries (Tulsa)

Finalists: Altus Armed Services YMCA; Resonance Center for Women (Tulsa)

Devon Energy Corporation Award: Community Category Winner: Rebuilding Together Tulsa

Finalists: Latino Community Development Agency (Oklahoma City); Neighbor for Neighbor (Tulsa)

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