

2013 Oklahoma Lifespan Respite Grantees Awarded In 2014

- **Day Break of Grove**

Day Break of Grove is a mobile adult day care in three rural, isolated Oklahoma communities. The mobile service is being provided a minimum of 3 ½ hours per week per community. Currently, Grove, Seneca-Cayuga, and Jay are being served with the hopes of expanding into another community that demonstrates the need for respite services and willingness to provide additional resources. The program offers light physical exercise, cognitive enhancement activities, entertainment, and a nutritious meal for the care receiver while the caregiver seeks uninterrupted respite. This resourceful respite service is the only opportunity many caregivers have to get a break from their caregiving efforts.

- **Single Parent Support Network**

This organization's mission is to empower single parents to lead successful families and build strong communities. One of their most notable events they host is known as "Queen For The Day". They have had two "Queen For The Day" events so far, one held in Mustang and the other in Midwest City. The grant funding focuses on supporting grandparents raising grandchildren. These creative days of respite include child care, educational programs, encouragement, and much needed pampering for some amazing grandparents that give so much of themselves every day.

- **Kingfisher Community Collaborative**

The purpose of the collaborative is to support current community based respite efforts while at the same time supporting the development of new respite programs in hard hit rural counties that are considered 'child care poor' and have no current respite programs for children with special needs. This opportunity gives exhausted caregivers an opportunity for respite when the caregivers have no means of family or friends willing to provide care for their child with special needs. The collaborative is providing much needed respite at no charge once a month for a 3 hour session to eligible caregivers in Tulsa, Enid, Mustang, and Shawnee. Two new communities are being pursued to provide additional respite in Watonga and Kingfisher.

