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PRESS RELEASE

Emory Valley Center 6th Annual Fundraiser will recognize community advocates Ms. Dottie Thompson and Dr. Gene Caldwell

Emory Valley Center (EVC) will be hosting their annual fundraiser in the Caldwell-Thompson building this year on **Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** They will be presenting the “**Emory Valley Center Compassion Award**” to long serving community advocates, **Ms. Dottie Thompson and Dr. Gene Caldwell** (posthumously). Presenting the Emory Valley Center Compassion Award to someone in the community who has supported Emory Valley Center in a variety of ways began last year with Lt. Governor Randy McNally receiving the award.

The annual fundraiser this year will also include a full-course dinner prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus from St. Mary’s Parish in Oak Ridge, Don Dare from WATE-TV6 On Your Side will emcee the fundraiser, special guests will share their Emory Valley Center personal services stories, and auctioneer Bear Stephenson will conduct a live “Impact Auction” which will raise funds to support specific needs at Emory Valley Center.



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Sponsors for this special EVC fundraising event include: An Anonymous Donor, TNBANK, Eddie Hair Tire & Auto Center, Leidos, The Oak Ridger, WATE TV-6, CNS, DelMar Medical, E-Com Systems, Edward Jones - Jim Charles, Fox Toyota, Home Federal Bank, Dr. & Mrs. Alan Icenhour, Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance, McFarland Pharmacy & Apothecary, McGriff Insurance Services, Pinnacle Bank, Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary, Summit View Health Services, UCOR, UT-Battelle, Citizens First Bank, Computer Systems Plus, Hickory Construction, Dawn Isbell – Photographer, Methodist Medical Center, ORAU, Oak Ridge Pediatric Clinic and Strata-G.

Tickets are \$65.00 each or two for \$120.00 and are selling quickly, and last year's event sold out. To purchase tickets or donate, go to <https://www.emoryvalleycenter.org/event/6th-annual-spring-fundraiser/>. Proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales will help Emory Valley Center continue supporting children and adults with disabilities while they achieve their life goals and dreams.

Emory Valley Center has been meeting the needs of people with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in the East Tennessee community for **64 years** and currently provides a wide variety of services including: Community Integration, Education, Employment, Family Assistance, Pre-Vocational Training, Residential and Senior Services. **This support reaches more than 1,400 adults and children monthly in 16 East Tennessee counties.**

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