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***FESTIVAL OF HOPE 2009* SEEKS NOMINATIONS OF LEADERS  
WITH VISION AND HEART**

HeartLine, Central Oklahoma's Community Connection, will recognize and honor the efforts of individuals, organizations, and community initiatives on August 28, 2009, at the *Festival of Hope 2009* Evening of Acclamation and Admiration, held at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

Nominations are open for individuals or groups who have enhanced the quality of life in central Oklahoma through their profession or volunteerism. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2009. HeartLine's dinner event will recognize and thank community leaders who have shown outstanding leadership in addressing community needs. *Festival of Hope* increases community awareness of HeartLine's services and raises funds to sustain these services.

HeartLine's mission is to connect central Oklahomans to help, hope and information – 24 hours a day. This mission is demonstrated through HeartLine's 2-1-1 services that are available 24/7 to connect callers with community resources and volunteer opportunities. For 37 years, central Oklahomans have called 848-CARE for emotional and crisis support and HeartLine continues to provide 24 hour compassionate listening on this line as well as emotional support and suicide prevention for the state of Oklahoma through 1-800 SUICIDE and 1-800-273-TALK. Other HeartLine programs include suicide awareness outreach programs, the Volunteer Center of Central Oklahoma, and the Gatekeeper Program in Oklahoma County that identifies and assists the elderly in need.

For more information and a nomination form, please visit [www.heartlineoklahoma.org](http://www.heartlineoklahoma.org) or call the HeartLine business office at 840-9396.