

Cruise Night 2019 is fast approaching

The Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation is getting ready to set sail once again. The sixth annual Cruise Night will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at Chanute's Central Park Pavilion.

Proceeds from the event will help the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation continue its mission to improve the lives of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Money raised from past events has helped the Foundation to build six homes as well as acquire two homes and one duplex in our communities of Chanute, Fort Scott, Humboldt, and Iola. Thanks to our Friends' generous support, these houses are now home for 47 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

"Cruise Night is a fun evening for all involved," stated Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator. "Our goal is to raise \$25,000 at this year's event. Everyone is excited for the event and we are looking forward to seeing a large crowd. We appreciate all the support that we receive in all four counties where we provide services."

Tickets to Cruise Night are \$45 a piece or a table of 8 may be purchased for \$325. The doors to the Pavilion will open at 6 pm with dinner to be served at 6:30 pm. Thanks to a kind donation from Newkirk, Dennis, & Buckles, we will also have an open bar during the evening.

As always, there will be both a silent and live auction during the evening. Dave Petersen is offering his service as the auctioneer for the evening.

We are excited to announce that this year's live auction will include a 7 day luxurious cruise for 2 on the Holland America Line. The lucky winner will have their choice of Alaska, New England/Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean. Our live auction also includes vacation trip to Branson, MO (courtesy of Community National Bank), a trip to Missouri wine country, tickets to the Allen Jackson Concert at Intrust Arena as well as a few more surprises. Our silent auction includes items that have been donated by area businesses as well as authors, celebrities, and local universities and colleges. (Story continued on page 2)



Foundation Home Updates

With winter behind us, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation is looking ahead. As we mentioned in the Winter newsletter, renovations began on the bathrooms located in the Chanute duplexes. The bathroom remodels went quickly and work was completed by late February. The new bathrooms are a welcome addition.

Next, the Foundation board has agreed to pay for half of the costs to remodel bathrooms in Tri-Valley's Chanute Service Center. Serious work needs to be done for these bathrooms. Plans have been drawn up and Tri-Valley staff are in the process of

getting bids for the work.

We still plan to remodel the Jent Home located in Fort Scott in 2019 as well. Be on the lookout for more details as they become available.

None of these projects would be possible without the support of our Friends! Through your kind donations, participation in Cruise Night, Golf Tournament and Annual Truck Raffle Drawing, you make it possible for the Foundation to improve the lives of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Thank you!

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Golf Tournaments Scheduled

A golf tournament to benefit the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course, Erie, KS.

The event will be an 18-hole, four-person scramble, with a shotgun tee off at 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The cost for participation in the tournament is \$200 per team, which includes green fees and lunch.

"All of us at Tri-Valley look forward to the annual golf tournament," said Tim Cunningham, executive director. "It's always a fun time for us, and for the golfers. And we have more fun set for this year's event."

We have some exciting new ideas for this year's tournament. As always, the top three teams in the two flights will also win cash prizes.

All proceeds from the tournament will go to help Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation provide quality and affordable homes for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in Allen, Bourbon,

Neosho and Woodson counties. Since 2001, the foundation has built 6 homes split between Allen, Bourbon and Neosho Counties. They also owns two additional home, one in Fort Scott and one in Chanute, as well as a duplex in Chanute. These houses are home to forty-seven individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are served by Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.

The deadline to register for the golf tournament is May 10th. Entry forms are available by contacting Tricia Campbell at Tri-Valley, 620-431-7401, ext. 230 or at tcampbell@tvds.org. Sponsorships are also available.

Mark your calendars! If you are unable to play for the spring tournament, we have some exciting news for you! This fall, we will be holding a golf tournament in Fort Scott. The tournament will be Saturday, September 14th at Woodland Hills Golf course. We will share the details as they become available.

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Along with both the auctions, we will be holding a stretch auction and will be giving away door prizes throughout the evening. "We have a few surprises as well," stated Tim Cunningham, Executive Director. "It will be a fantastic evening and I hope everyone is able to attend."



For more information or tickets, contact Tricia at either tcampbell@tvds.org or 620-431-7401, ext. 230.

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Happy Spring!

The trees and plants are starting to bud out. The grass is starting to turn green. Warmer weather is on the horizon. Spring-time is finally here! And with that, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation starts its busy season.

As you read on the front page, the Foundation is getting ready for its annual fundraiser, Cruise Night. 2019 Cruise Night will be April 16th at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. Doors will open at 6 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. We will send out save the date cards with more information soon, so be on the look-out.

In May, we are planning to hold our annual golf tournament. Just like Cruise Night, we are in the planning stages, but have some exciting new ideas to mix up this annual event. The tournament will be Saturday, May 18th at the Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course. It will be a four person scramble. For more information, contact Tricia at either tcampbell@tvds.org or at 620-431-7401, ext. 230.

Then, in June, we will hold our 19th Annual Truck Raffle Drawing. This year's prize is a 2019 Ford F150 Platinum Edition 4WD Supercrew Ford Truck. The lucky winner will have their ticket drawn on June 21st at 1:30 pm at the Foundation's home office, 521 W. 35 Ch Pkwy in Chanute. Tickets are \$50 a piece or 8 may be purchased for \$350. Your odds of winning are 1 in 3,000; which is better than the lottery! If you have already entered, thank you!

Prairie Ridge CDDO Awarded Two Grants

Prairie Ridge CDDO staff are excited to announce that they have received two new grants for 2019.

The first grant is from the Kansas Creative Arts Commission; which is sponsored by the Kansas Commerce Department. The grant is called the "Buddy Grant". The grant's goal is to expose individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities to cultural events and meet community members outside their normal social gatherings.

Community volunteers team up with an individual with I/DD to attend events put on by the Chanute Entertainment Series. The grant is good for the current year shows as well as next season. The program is open to any individual with I/DD who resides in Chanute. Volunteers can come from any community; they just need to be willing to have some fun.

Right now, the CDDO has five volunteers and eight individuals

Kansas City Chiefs Tickets Fundraiser

In the fall, Tri-Valley was approached by the Kansas City Chiefs organization to partner for reduced ticket prices to five KC Chiefs home games. The tickets were \$30 a piece with \$10 coming directly to Tri-Valley. Thanks to the Chiefs successful run, two more games were added to the list.

In early January, Tri-Valley received two checks from the Chiefs organization totaling \$160. Everyone at Tri-Valley would like to thank those individuals who used our direct link for the discounted tickets. It is because of you that we were able to receive this donation. Thank you!

Our annual 2019 Membership drive is still underway. If you have already renewed your membership, THANK YOU! If you are interested in renewing your membership or know of someone who might be interested in joining, please contact me at either 620-431-7401, ext. 230 or tcampbell@tvds.org. As always, we have set amounts, but appreciate any donation. A donation form is located on the last page of this newsletter. Or just visit our website (www.tvds.org).

Finally, we are excited to announce that on September 14th, the Foundation will hold a golf tournament in Fort Scott at Woodland Hills. Be on the lookout for more information as it becomes available.

The reason we hold these fund-raisers and membership drives is to support the Foundation's mission. That mission is to support Tri-Valley Developmental Services as it serves individuals with intellectual/ developmental disabilities in our home counties of Allen, Bourbon, Neosho, and Woodson.

Thanks to your kind generosity, we have been able to build six homes and have acquired a duplex as well as two additional homes (one in Fort Scott and the other in Chanute) and 48 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities are able to call these houses "home."

enrolled. Kathy Brennon, CDDO Director and Grant project manager would like to have twenty individuals and twenty volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact Kathy at either kbrennon@prairieridgecddo.org or 620-431-7796, ext. 118. All volunteers must first pass a background check first.

The second grant is from the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities. It is to provide employment training to individuals with I/DD, parent/guardians, and professional I/DD staff.

An advisory board has been convened to design the training programs. The programs will include a benefits academy, a life course training, and three school events.

For more information on either of these grants, please contact Kathy Brennon at kbrennon@prairieridgecddo.org or 620-431-7796, ext. 118.

Friends of Tri-Valley

19th Annual Raffle Drawing



2019 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck
Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350

Drawing will be held on June 21, 2019 at 1:30 pm (CST) at 521 W. 35 Ch Pkwy, Chanute, KS.

For information or to enter:
Call 620-431-7401 ext. 230, enter online at www.tvds.org or
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ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____
NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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521 W. 35 CH Pkwy, P.O. Box 518, Chanute, KS 66720

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