

Cruise Night 2021 is fast approaching

The Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation is excited to announce that Cruise Night 2021 is a go! Unlike in 2020 when we had to cancel our annual fundraiser due to Covid-19, we are moving full steam ahead for 2021.

Since we are still battling COVID, the Foundation board and staff made the decision to hold an on-line event, rather than our usual in-person event. So, for Cruise Night 2021, we are holding our first ever on-line auction.

The auction will run from April 12th through April 15th. Currently, we have 48 items for everyone to bid on. There is no charge to participate in the auction. However, donations are always appreciated.

Some of our auction items include: Kindle Fire, Dot Echo, Roomba, unique photos of SE Kansas (Fort Scott, Chautauqua County), Wine Decor, Condos at Branson and Breckenridge, and a gourmet dinner for 6.



The auction may be found at the following link:

<https://www.biddingowl.com/FriendsofTriValleyFoundat>

or



or just visit our website for a direct link: www.tvds.org/cruise-night.

Our goal is to hold an in-person event in 2022. The tentative date is April 12, 2022 at Central Park Pavilion.

However, we hope to hear from you in 2021. If you have any questions about this year's Cruise Night, please contact Tricia at either 620-431-7655 or tcampbell@tvds.org.



Tri-Valley Service Centers Re-Open

All six Tri-Valley Service Centers have re-opened! After a long year, Tri-Valley staff and clients are excited to be back together at the service centers. Tri-Valley Service Centers are located in: Chanute, Eureka, Fort Scott, Iola, Neodesha, and Moline.

Staff greeted individuals as they came in the doors with confetti poppers and cheers. We have uploaded videos of the re-opening on our Facebook page and our newly created Tik-Tok channel. Both pages are linked to our website: www.tvds.org.

Due to Covid-19, the service centers were closed for several months in 2020. We were able to return for a short time, but had to quickly re-quarantine. After four months, we were able to re-open thanks to the hard work of both individuals and staff.

One of the key reasons the service centers re-opened were the COVID-19 vaccines that were offered to staff and individuals. While we have re-opened, staff continue to follow guidelines that had been established during the height of the pandemic.

We are very excited to have the Service Centers re-opened. There is light at the end of the tunnel that life will return to some semblance of the norm.



Fort Scott Welcome Back (on left)

Chanute Welcome Back (on right)



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April Showers Bring May Flowers

Following the cold snap in late February, March began to show signs of springtime! It is about time. After a long 2020, 2021 is just now starting to look up.

Tri-Valley has also begun to show signs of re-emerging life. As is mentioned on page 1, we were able to re-open the six Service Centers in mid-March. Everyone was excited to come back and see friends that they had not seen for several months.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to a friend in February. Alene Jolly, Director of Day Programs in Fort Scott, decided that it was time to retire. Alene had been with Tri-Valley since 1980 and has held a number of roles. She will be missed. Don't miss the story and pictures of her retirement party below and on page 3.

On the Foundation side, staff have been hard at work on the 2021 fundraisers. In 2020, we had to cancel Cruise Night due to the pandemic that will not be named. Originally, we had planned to hold an in-person event in April 2021. However, we have decided to go virtual and hold our first ever on-line auction. So far, we have 48 items up for bidders to view on the bidding website, Bidding Owl. The auction will run from April 12th through April 15th. More information is available on page 1 of this newsletter.

Dates have been set for the three golf tournaments. Due to a scheduling conflict, the Foundation is switching up the order of the tournaments. The dates are as follows: June 12th - Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie; July 24th - Fredonia Golf Course; and September 11th - Woodland Hills in Fort Scott. Mailings will go out to previous sponsors and golfers soon. If you are interested in sponsorships or playing in any of these tournaments, please reach out to Tricia at either 620-431-7655 or tcampbell@tvds.org.

We are in the middle of our 21st Annual Raffle Drawing. This year's prize is a 2021 Ram 1500 Crew Cab Long Horn Edition Truck, from Shields Motor Company in Chanute. We are excited

to announce that this year's truck has Dodge's new multi-function tailgate. How cool! The lucky winner will have their ticket drawn on June 25th 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!

And, last but certainly not least, our annual 2021 Membership drive is 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 620-431-7655 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)

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, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson.

Thanks to the kind generosity of our Friends, the Foundation is the proud owner of 13 houses and a duplex of which 62 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities are able to call these houses "home."

Thank you!

Retirement Party held for Alene Jolly

Friday, February 12th was a sad, but happy day for Alene Jolly, Director of Day Services In Fort Scott. After 40 years with Tri-Valley, Alene decided that it was time to retire.

Alene had requested a low-key affair, so a drop-by party was held on the afternoon of February 12th at the Fort Scott Service Center. Cake was served after Alene opened a series of gifts including t-shirts, gift cards, plants, and a specially made photo album.

Alene will be missed but has promised that she will drop by occasionally. Right now, she is focused on doing whatever she wants. Below are pictures from the party and reception. (pictures continued on page 3)



Thursday evening, a few staff got together to decorate the hallway outside Alene's office.



A few gifts were set out the morning of Alene's retirement party

AmazonSmile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so, have you heard of the Amazon Smile program.

How the program works is simple. When you shop at Smile. Amazon.com, Amazon will donate to your favorite charitable organization. The Friends of Tri-Valley is listed as one of the charitable organizations you can selected from.

So, the next time, you need to buy something from Amazon, visit Smile.Amazon.com and find out more about the program.

Foundation to hold Golf Tournaments

In 2020, Tri-Valley held three golf tournaments to benefit the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation. For 2021, we plan to continue this trend. The tournaments are a fun way for us to raise awareness and funds for individuals with I/DD.

All three golf tournaments will be 18-hole, four-person scrambles, with a shotgun tee off at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Lunch is provided with the registration fee. The Erie and Fort Scott tournament registrations will include cart fees.

First up will be the June 12th tournament at the Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie. The Erie Tournament is the original. We have held this tournament at Erie for the several years. Prior to that, this tournament has been held in Iola and Chanute.

With the merger of Tri-Valley and New Beginnings, the Foundation gained our Fredonia tournament. New Beginnings had held their tournament at Fredonia for several years prior to the merger. The Foundation was excited to continue this tradition. For 2021, we have moved the date of the tournament due to a previous engagement at the course. We are very excited to hold our second tournament in Fredonia on July 24th.

Finally, we will hold our third annual tournament at the wonderful Woodland Hills Golf Course in Fort Scott on September 11th.

We had an excellent group last year; one of our largest in several years. We can't wait to see everyone again in 2021.

"All of us at Tri-Valley look forward to our annual golf tournaments," said Bill Fiscus, CEO. "They are always a fun time for staff, and for the golfers. And we have more fun set for this year's event."

All proceeds from the tournaments go to help Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation provide quality and affordable homes and to aid in the delivery of services for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson counties. Since 2001, the foundation has built 6 homes in Allen, Bourbon and Neosho Counties. They also own six additional homes in Chanute, Fort Scott, Moline, and Neodesha, as well as a duplex in Chanute. These houses are home to sixty-two individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are served by Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.

More information on any of these tournaments is available by contacting Tricia Campbell at Tri-Valley, 620-431-7655 or at tcampbell@tvds.org. Sponsorships are also available.



Golfers at the 2020 Fredonia Golf Tournament

Alene's Retirement Party

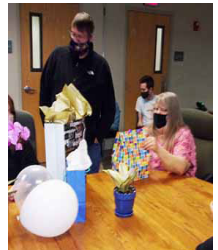
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Alene receives a set of fun t-shirts from her family.



At right, Alene reads a note from staff. A gift card was included with the note.



Alene looks through the photo album that was made in her honor.



Alene shows off the cake celebrating her 40 years of service for Tri-Valley.



Brenda Harrison helps Alene cut the cake.



Good luck on your future adventures, Alene!

Friends of Tri♥Valley

21st Annual Raffle Drawing

2021 Ram 1500 Crew Cab Long Horn Edition Truck
Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350



Drawing will be held on June 25, 2021 at 1:30 pm (CST) at 521 W. 35 Ch Pkwy, Chanute, KS.

For information or to enter:
Call 620-431-7655, enter online at www.tvds.org or
mail this completed form with payment to Friends of Tri-Valley, PO Box 518, Chanute, KS 66720.
All major credit cards accepted.
FTV is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization offering persons with disabilities
opportunities to achieve the quality of life they seek.
Kansas Raffle License Number: RAF000005.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Void where prohibited by law. Submission indicates acceptance of the official rules available on-line at www.tvds.org or by request- send SASE. Must be 18 to enter. All transactions take place in the FTV administration office located in Chanute, KS.

Friends of Tri♥Valley

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

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