

New Year Equals New Changes

Happy New Years! What an exciting time as we say goodbye to 2019 hello to 2020 and a new decade! As we usher in a new decade, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation enters new territory as well.

In January, Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc. merged with New Beginnings Enterprises. In addition to providing services in Allen, Bourbon, Neosho, and Woodson Counties, the new entity will include the counties of Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood and Wilson. As a result from the merger, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation are now the owners of three homes in those same counties. The new homes are located in Moline and Neodesha and fit in perfectly with the original homes.

At the end of January, we will be saying goodbye to Tim Cunningham. Tim has accepted a new position in Colorado. We will have more information on page 2.

Now is the time to be sure to mark your calendars for 2020's Cruise Night Fundraiser. The 2020 event will be April 14th 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.

Up next are the annual golf tournaments. Just like Cruise Night, we are in the planning stages, but have some exciting new ideas to mix up these annual events. Our plan is to hold three golf tournaments in 2020: one each in Chanute, Fort Scott, and Fredonia. Details will become available shortly.

The truck has been selected for our 20th Annual Raffle Drawing. This year's prize is a 2020 Ford F150 Platinum Edition 4WD Supercrew Ford Truck. The lucky winner will have their ticket drawn on June 26th 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 2020 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 620-431-7401, 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)

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 as well as our new counties of Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, and Wilson.

Thanks to the kind generosity of our Friends, the Foundation is the proud owner of 10 houses and a duplex of which 61 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities are able to call these houses "home."

Thank you!

Tri-Valley Developmental Services Merges with New Beginnings Enterprises

On January 1, 2020, Tri-Valley Developmental Services (TVDS) merged with New Beginnings Enterprises, a Neodesha, KS based organization that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood and Wilson counties.

The merged organizations will retained the Tri-Valley name and now employs over one-hundred and seventy people with over two hundred clients. The New Beginnings CDDO remained an independent entity, separate from the new merged organization.

Both agencies are very proud of their accomplishments over the years but believe that the time has come to expand their horizons, because their future is now.

So, on the behalf of the citizens of Allen, Bourbon, Neosho, and Woodson counties, we wish to welcome our neighbors from Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, and Wilson counties to Tri-Valley.

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Executive Director Tim Cunningham's Goodbye Message

On December 15th, Tim Cunningham tendered his letter of resignation as Executive Director of Tri-Valley to the Board of Directors, effective January 28, 2020. Tim will be assuming a position in Colorado with an organization similar to Tri-Valley.

"I accept this new position with mixed emotions – excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead but saddened at the thought of leaving Tri-Valley.

I wanted to give the board as much notice as possible to ensure that the merger was successfully completed before I left. I believe the current leadership team is very capable of moving Tri-Valley into the future.

Tri-Valley is truly a fantastic organization that I have been proud to represent. It has been a family to me. I have appreciated the support of our exemplary employees, the parents and families of those we serve, the clients and finally the board of directors.

As I continue my professional career I will continue to advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I believe that the individuals we serve at Tri-Valley have seen improvement in their lives during my tenure here; my philosophy has always been "Client First, Employees Second and Budget Third.

Again, it has been my privilege to represent you for these past twelve years. I wish you only the best."

During Tim's time with Tri-Valley, we have seen some huge changes in not only the state, but within our organization as well. Everyone at Tri-Valley wishes Tim the best of luck with his future endeavors and look forward to hearing from him frequently.

Congratulations on your new venture!

Foundation's Newest Home

In July 2019, the Foundation purchased it's newest home in Fort Scott; Fairway House. Due to a recent influx of individuals coming in for residential services, there was a need for additional houses for our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

More especially, the Foundation saw a need for four + bedroom homes in all of our counties, but primarily in Fort Scott. Thanks to help from a former Foundation Board Member, the Foundation was able to find a home in Fort Scott.

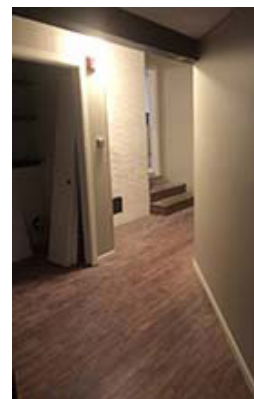
Work began immediately to update the home to fit our needs. Soon after work began, we saw the need to expand the house to a six bedroom home. The house is now a six bedroom, three bathroom home.

With the remodel completed, we are now waiting on the State Fire Marshal's approval. Once in hand, we have six very excited individuals ready to move into their new home.

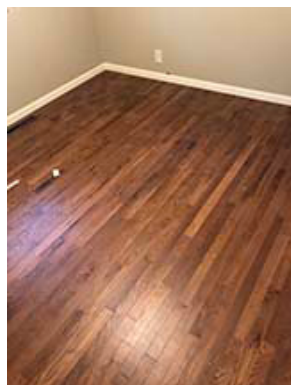
Once everyone is settled, the Foundation will hold an Open House so that all our "Friends" may see what they have helped the Foundation accomplish: providing quality and affordable homes for our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities.



What was once a garage is now a new bedroom. Brickwork was done to match the exterior of the home.



Above is the new addition that includes a bedroom and bathroom. To the far left is the updated kitchen. To the direct left is a picture of the new flooring that was installed throughout the home.



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.

Tri-Valley Celebrates the Holidays 2020

It has been a very busy and exciting Holiday Season so far. Other than one small storm, our weather has held out, and Tri-Valley staff and persons served have done their best to celebrate the season.

First up was Halloween. Chanute, Fort Scott, and Iola Service Centers held their annual Halloween parties on the week leading up to the 31st. Everyone had a fun time dressing up in their favorite characters.

Next up was Thanksgiving. The Fort Scott Service Center held their annual holiday lunch on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. Not to be outdone, the Iola Service Center held their Thanksgiving dinner on November 27th. Good food and good company was shared by all who were able to attend.

Chanute held their annual Holiday Dinner in December. The Chanute and Iola Service Centers came together on December 18th at Central Park Pavilion. Everyone had an excellent time; plus we had a special visitor drop by.

Pictures of a few of the events are to the right. Everyone at Tri-Valley wishes you and yours a Happy New Year!



Everyone in Iola enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving a few days early.



The Fort Scott High School String Ensemble came to the Fort Scott Service Center on December 19th to share the holiday spirit and to play a selection of Christmas music.



Following the music, Christmas presents were opened and enjoyed by all in Fort Scott.

Best Year Yet for Christmas Card Sales

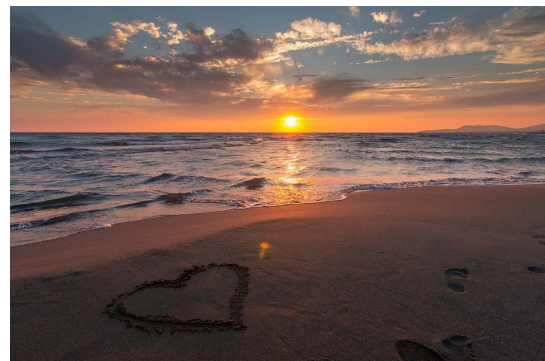
Tri-Valley staff and persons served would like to thank everyone who purchased Christmas and Greeting cards in 2019. This year was one of our best ever for card sales. For the holiday season, we doubled last years by selling a total of 183 sets of cards; 100% of the proceeds went to the Life Enrichment Programs of Tri-Valley.

Please keep in mind that we have many other types of cards available for purchase year round. We have cards for Valentine's Day, Easter, Condolences, Thank Yous, Birthday, and Congratulations to name a few.

Fast and easy delivery. Your order will be ready in one to two days. If you are interested in ordering cards, just give Tricia a call at 620-431-7401, ext. 230 or email her at tcampbell@tvds.org.



Cruise Night 2020 is Coming



Get your boarding pass today!

Date: April 14, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Central Park Pavilion,

Forest Avenue and Second Street, Chanute, KS 66720

Tickets are \$45 a piece or \$325 for Tables of 8

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

Sponsorships are available.

Friends of Tri Valley

20th Annual Raffle Drawing

2020 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck
Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350



Drawing will be held on June 26, 2020 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
mail this completed form with payment to Friends of Tri-Valley, PO Box 518, Chanute, KS 66720.

All major credit cards accepted.

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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

NAME _____

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Friends of Tri-Valley foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the needs of developmentally disabled persons served by TVDS. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

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Please send me information about how I can make a gift to the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation through my estate.

Give online at www.tvds.org

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Levels: \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500

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My gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please charge my gift of \$ _____

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If you wish, we would be happy to send a notice of your gift to someone and include your name when acknowledging donor.

Send notice of this gift to _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

I/We wish to remain anonymous.

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