

Spring Is In The Air

Spring has finally arrived! The weather is slowly starting to warm up from the winter cold and the flowers and trees are starting to bloom. We hope that 2018 has been treating you well. Here at the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation, we are in the midst of an extremely busy season!

The 18th Annual Raffle Drawing is underway. The drawing will be June 22nd at 1:30 pm. This year's prize is a 2018 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck. Good news! The truck is in and is pictured below. As in the past, tickets are \$50 a piece or 8 may be purchased for \$350. Enter today for your chance to drive away in a 2018 truck as well as help some deserving individuals.

Cruise Night 2018 was held on April 10th. The evening was spectacular. We have more information on it below as well.

Mark your calendars! The date for the annual Friends of Tri-Valley Golf Tournament will be May 19th at the Prairie Ridge at Horizons Golf Course in Erie.

And, last but not least, we are also currently underway with the 2018 membership drive. If you have already renewed, 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 you are willing to make. A donation form is located on the last page of this newsletter.

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); 41 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities are able to call these houses "home."

Faith House Remodel Update

Late last fall, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation was given the opportunity to bid on the house owned by Faith House in Chanute. Faith House was the homeless shelter that sadly lost funding this year, so they needed to dispose of their assets. The Foundation's bid was accepted and on September 25th, the deed to the house was transferred to the Foundation.

The home did need some remodeling. Our plan was to turn the house into a home for six deserving individuals. Work began on December 15th by Advanced Systems Homes. We are replacing the flooring, remodeling both bathrooms, repairing, painting and texturing walls and ceilings, repairing the deck and ramp on the back, and replacing windows, trim, receptacles, lights, and switches.

The home has a new roof and has four bedrooms upstairs and one downstairs. We also have the ability to add another. The remodel should be finished by June.



Everyone is very excited about the new house and can't wait for it to become a home to some deserving individuals.

Again, we cannot say it often enough, but neither one of these remodels would be possible without the support of you, our Friends. Thank you!

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Awards Ceremony held during Cruise Night 2018

On April 10th, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation held Cruise Night 2018 at Central Park Pavilion. Approximately, 200 people were in attendance and we raised \$16,000 for the Foundation's projects. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event a success.

Along with the usual events, Cruise Night 2018 had two special events. First off, our annual awards ceremony was held. Awards were given to local businesses, community members, Tri-Valley staff and clients who had gone above and beyond this past year. The award winners were:



Achievement Awards:
Patricia Wallace Gregeory See



Employer of the Year Award:
B & W Trailer
Hitches (Joe Works)



G & W Foods
of Fort Scott



Employee of the
Year
Matt Melander



Business of the Year Award:
Just in Time Courier Service (Paul
Lavendusky)



Heidrick's True Value
(Nancy Hofer &
Denny Heidrick)



Ed Bideau Advocacy Award:
Michelle Harman
(pictured above with
Margaret Bideau)



Friends of Tri-Valley
Visionary Award:
Mike Hofer



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Excellence: Mary Davis



Jenny Masterson Family
Award:
Felicia & Kurt Johnson



Executive Director's Award:
Barbara McCord

Launch Parties Held

Today is a new day and a new era at Tri-Valley Developmental Services. We are re-branding ourselves. We are not the same agency we were twenty or thirty years ago.

On March 21st, Tim Cunningham, Executive Director, presented the new vision, values and logo to Tri-Valley staff in Chanute.

Staff in Fort Scott were shown the plan the following day with Iola staff shown on March 26th. Staff were excited to see the new plan and also to get ID Badges and t-shirts with the new logo.

The media roll-out was held in Fort Scott on March 29th during the Chamber Coffee that was held at the Fort Scott Service Center.

The media roll-out was held in Chanute on April 10th during the Foundation's Annual Cruise Night event. The response has been overwhelming favorable from both internal and external sources.



Chanute Staff Launch Party



Memorials

We would like to express our condolences to the families of the following individuals as well as thank them for naming Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc. in their memorials.

Please take comfort in knowing that your loved one will be honored by giving hope for a better tomorrow.

Wylma Campbell

Gary Dennison

Frank McDonald

Vic O'Connor

Glen Sewell

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.

Cruise Night 2018 is a huge success!

A crowd of approximately 200 people attended the 2018 Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation Cruise Night fund-raiser on April 10th. For the first time, Cruise Night was held at the Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. Approximately, \$16,600 was raised during the evening from the stretch, silent, and live auctions.

Attendees were treated to a delicious meal furnished from C & S Traveling Kitchen. Door prizes were given out throughout the evening with the final piece de resistance door prize being a floral arrangement courtesy of Betsy Barney from Talk of the Town. "The evening was fantastic", said Tim Cunningham, Executive Director. "The food, drawings and conversation was phenomenal. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the atmosphere of the Pavilion."

One of the highlights of the evening was the final live auction item; a seven day luxurious Cruise from Holland America to the winner's choice of Alaska, Canada/New England, Caribbean or Mexico. The cruise was donated from Holland America Cruise Line and Monarch Cement.

New this year were six special art pieces donated by the kids in the Chanute Recreation Center's After School Program. The six pieces of art were interpretations of a sunset chalk drawing. The kids did an amazing job and everyone was very impressed. The artwork was a big hit. A big thank you goes out to the Chanute Recreation Commission, Alicia Fickel, Glenda Bruner, and Bob Cross.

Other items that were auctioned off included: a Breckenridge, CO vacation package; a Branson, MO vacation package; an autographed KU Basketball; two tickets to the Journey/Def Leppard 2018 concert with a night's stay at the Inn at Tallgrass in Wichita;

plus a full size and two child size recliners. New this year was a Wichita weekend getaway package that included two night's stay at the Inn at Tallgrass and tickets to the Music Theatre Wichita, Entrap Games, and the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon show. Auctioneer Dave Petersen donated his time.

Another new addition for the evening was the "number board." Guests were invited to donate a specific amount from the board to help "fund a need." This year's "Fund a Need" was for an updated computer lab in the Chanute Service Center. Thank you to everyone who donated. Thank you also to Dr. David, Heather, & Jacob Guernsey and the Safari Museum for allowing us to use the board.

All money raised from the evening went towards the projects of the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation. Since 2001, the foundation has built 6 homes split between Allen, Bourbon and Neosho Counties. They also own an additional home in Fort Scott and a duplex in Chanute. Just late last year, the Foundation acquired a new home in Chanute. Currently, the home is amid a remodel; it should be finished by June. These houses are home to forty-one individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are served by Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.

A big thank you goes to the evening sponsors: Heartland Home-care; Newkirk, Dennis, & Buckles, Inc.; Monarch Cement Company; Orizon; Community National Bank; Landmark National Bank; Home Savings Bank; IMA; Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips; Hofer & Hofer; Ash Grove; Neosho County Community College; Quincy Ventures; Ashley Clinic; Indy Print Services; Merle Kelly Ford; Cheney Witt; Bridgewood; and James & Connie Banwart.



2018 Golf Tournament was May 19th at the Horizon's at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie.
Look for the story in our Summer 2018 Newsletter!





Friends of Tri♥Valley

18th Annual Raffle Drawing

2018 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck
Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350

Drawing will be held on June 22, 2018 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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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.

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