

Virtual Cruise Night 2021 has come and gone

For 2021, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation tried something new. The Foundation held our 1st ever all virtual Cruise Night fundraiser! What an exciting experience!

The auction ran from April 12th through 15th on the Bidding Owl website. Thanks to support from our Friends and community, we auctioned off 50 items. Some of our items included: 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.

When it was all said and done, we had 27 bidders. The hot ticket items were the trips to Branson and Breckenridge and the Roomba. We are projecting that our virtual Cruise Night made a profit of \$5,000.

Thank you to our sponsors for the event: Heartland Homecare; Monarch Cement Co.; Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles Insurance; Ash Grove Cement; Community National Bank; Hofer & Hofer & As-

sociates; Home Savings Bank; IMA; Ashley Clinic; Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, Landmark National Bank; Merle Kelly Ford; Cheney Witt Cahpel, Fort Scott; Cleaver Farm & Home True Value; Hi-Lo Industries; Neosho County Community College; Kansas Communications; and Jennifer Dietsch State Farm.

Our goal is to hold an in-person event in 2022. The tentative date is April 12, 2022 at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. We hope to see you all there.



21st Annual Raffle Drawing Comes to a Close

On June 25th, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation 21st Annual Truck Raffle Drawing came to a close at 1:30 pm. At that time, TVDS CEO Bill Fiscus drew the winning ticket from the 1,894 entries. The event was live streamed on Tri-Valley's Facebook page. Without further ado,

The winner of the 21st Raffle Drawing is.....

Gary Thomas of West Virginia.

Mr. Thomas was very excited when he received the phone call that he had won a brand new 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 Long Horn Edition Truck.

On July 6th, Gary and Tresa Thomas arrived to collect their prize. Pat Shields and Scott McKinney of Shields Motors were on hand as well to show off all of the truck's features.

The Foundation board thanks everyone who participated in this, our 21st Raffle Drawing. This year's drawing made a profit of

\$29,600. Without your assistance, this annual event would not be the success it has been for the past 21 years. We look forward to the next 20 years.

Thank you!



This year's prize was a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 Long Horn Edition Truck. It was on display in front of the Tri-Valley Administration building during the months of April, May, and June. More pictures on page 4.

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Summertime has Arrived

As spring turns to summer, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation is a busy hub of activity. It is no secret that spring and summer is our busy time.

Back in February, we said goodbye to Alene Jolly, Director of Day Programs in Fort Scott. In May, Barbara McCord, Horticultural Therapist, decided that it was time to retire as well. Don't miss the story and pictures of her retirement party below and on page 3.

For 2021, spring saw the return of Cruise Night, albeit in a different form. Our original in-person event became a virtual experience. Check out the full story on page 1.

June was another busy time for the Foundation. June saw our first golf tournament for 2021. On June 12th, the Foundation held its annual Central Golf tournament at Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie. The full story and pictures are on page 3.

Then, on June 25th, the 21st Annual Raffle Drawing came to an end. This year's winner was Gary Thomas from West Virginia. Gary was very excited when he received the call on June 25th. The full story and pictures are on page 1 and 4.

Summertime continues our fundraising season. Upcoming are the golf tournaments at Fredonia and Fort Scott. Both tournaments are 18-hole, 4 person scrambles.

Up first is our West Tournament on July 24th at the Fredonia Golf Course. So far, we have six teams signed up. The Fredonia Tournament sponsors include: Corporate - Title Sponsor - Heartland Homecare; Lunch Sponsor - Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles; and Prize Sponsors - Cobalt Boats, Community National Bank - Eureka Branch, and Kansas Crossing Casino. Our Hole sponsors are RD Guide Services and Indy Print Services.

Retirement Party held for Barbara McCord

Friday, May 14th was a sad, but happy day for Barbara McCord, Horticultural Therapist. After 17 years with Tri-Valley, Barbara decided that it was time to retire. Barbara came to Tri-Valley in 2004 and helped to create Tri-Valley's dynamic horticulture program.

Barbara had requested a low-key affair, so a party was held at the Fort Scott Service Center in the afternoon. Following lunch, clients and staff were invited to the garden to plant flowers. An ice cream truck was on hand so everyone could enjoy their favorite cold treats. Austin Bolinger's mother made an awesome cake for Barbara (pictured below). Cake was served after Barbara opened a series of gifts.

Barbara 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.



Austin Bolinger and Tammy Fiscus watch as Barbara cuts into her retirement cake.

Our third golf tournament will take place on Saturday, September 11th at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Fort Scott. So far, we have four teams signed up. Sponsors include Title - Heartland Homecare; and Hole Sponsors - Cheney Witt Chapel; RD Guide Services; Diehl, Banwort, Bolton; and Wise Accounting.

If you are interested in sponsorships or playing in either of these tournaments, please reach out to Tricia at either 620-431-7655 or tcampbell@tvds.org.

And, last but certainly not least, our annual 2022 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!

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Foundation Holds Annual Golf Tournament in Erie

The Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation held their annual central golf tournament for 2021 on Saturday, June 12th at the Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie. Even though a windstorm came through the area the night before, Saturday, June 12th was a perfect day for golfing. Play began at 9 am with fifteen teams. We are projecting that the golf tournament made a profit of \$5,668.

The tournament was a four-person scramble with three flights. The winners for A Flight were: 1st Place - the team of Beto Melendez, Travis McCall, Frank Coronado, and Chase Butcher; and 2nd Place - the team of Mike Hofer, Steve Klotzbach, Brad Piley, and Trenton Zartman.

The winners for B Flight were: 1st Place – the team of Ken Taiclet, Shawn Orton, Bruce Faulhaber, and James Works; and 2nd Place - the team of Shane Wolverton, Dillon Wolverton, Noah Kopley, and Christian Wiltse.

The winners for C Flight were: 1st Place – the team of Todd Granere, Justin Defebaugh, Milton Ivy, and Jeremiah Ivy; and 2nd Place – the team of Wayne Riebel, David Hauser, Bret Hauser, and Donald Hauser.

Along with the three flights, prizes were handed out for the Longest Drive (which went to Christian Wiltse) and Closet to the Pin (which went to Kane Norris). Players were given the opportunity to try their chances with the "Trouble" Hole In One game. For the second year, we held the "Betcha Can't Get on the Green" hole game.

Door prizes, some given by local businesses such as Jay Hatfield, Dalton's Back 9, Opie's, and Mo Gedi's, were handed out after the tournament wrapped up. Lunch was pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans catered by the Horizons at Prairie Ridge restaurant.

All money raised from the event goes toward the Foundation's mission of providing quality and affordable homes for our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities in the eight counties of Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson. Since 2001, the Foundation has built six houses and acquired six houses and a duplex. The 13 houses are home to 62 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors. Thank you also to the staff at Horizons for taking care of the banners during the wind storm.



A Flight 1st Place



A Flight 2nd Place



B Flight 1st Place



B Flight 2nd Place



C Flight 1st Place



C Flight 2nd Place

20th Annual Raffle Drawing Comes to a Close

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1,894 tickets were entered in our 21st annual drawing raffle. We received entries from all but two of the 50 states. We received 375 entries from the state of Kansas!



TVDS CEO Bill Fiscus draws the winning ticket and Mr. Gary Thomas' name is read as the winner of the 21st Annual Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation Truck Raffle Drawing.



On July 6th, Gary and Tresa Thomas arrived to collect their prize.

Gary still had goosebumps days after receiving the phone call that he had won. Both Gary and Tresa are very excited about their brand new truck.



Presenting the keys to Gary is Tricia Campbell, TVDS Special Projects Coordinator, and Pat Shields from Shields Motors.

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