

Say Hello to 2023!!!

Happy New Year! As we say Goodbye to 2022, we gladly enter 2023 with hopeful thoughts and wishes. The Foundation has a lot planned for 2023 and can't wait to get started.

But first, a brief look back at 2022. We are happy to say that we updated Pecan and Mulberry houses in Humboldt and the Norris House in Neodesha. Stay tuned for pictures of these updates!

Plans are currently under way for Tri-Valley Developmental Services' annual awards ceremony. Once again, we plan to hold three ceremonies: April 28th in Neodesha; May 5th in Fort Scott; and May 12th in Chanute. Invitations will be sent out. Please join us if you are able to attend one of these exciting ceremonies.

On the Foundation's fundraising side, we are getting ready for our in-person events. For 2023, we are shaking things up a bit. Cruise Night is now Boardwalk BBQ. This event is set for Tuesday, April 18th at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. We will send out more information as the date draws closer. But be sure and mark your calendars. If you are interested in attending or becoming a sponsor, please let Tricia know at either tcampbell@tvds.org or at 620-431-7655.

Dates have been set for our four golf tournaments. The dates are as follows: June 10th - Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Erie; July 15th - Fredonia Golf Course; August 12th - Stone Creek Golf Course in Chanute; and September 16th - Woodland Hills in Fort Scott. Stay tuned for more information. If you are interested in sponsorships or playing in any of these tournaments, please reach out.

We have reached the mid-point of our 23rd Annual Raffle Drawing. This year's prize is a 2023 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck, from Steve Faulkner Ford in Chanute. The lucky winner will have their ticket drawn on June 23rd 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! The truck is here and we will be displaying it at our Admin offices. Come by and check it out!

And, last but certainly not least, our annual 2023 Membership drive is underway. If you have already renewed your member-

ship, 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 drive 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 69 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities call "home."

Thank you!

Tri-Valley Developmental Services Receives Donations from local Knights

The spirit of the holiday season arrived at Tri-Valley in the form of four donations from our local Knights of Columbus.

In mid-December, Tri-Valley received monetary donations from two local Knights of Columbus Councils. In late November, the Independence Knights Council #918 presented TVDS VP of Operations Joe O'Rourke a check from their recent Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser (pictured to the right).



In December, the Fredonia Knights Council #1291 also made a donation to Tri-Valley from their tootise roll fundraiser. In January, the Knights of Columbus Council #14817 for Grenola and Moline donated the funds from their Tootsie Roll fundraiser to Tri-Valley.

A huge thank you goes to the Knights for their selflessness and kindness. Thanks to the kindness of our local community, individuals served by Tri-Valley were shown the true spirit of the season. Thank you!

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Sock Donations

Along with the monetary donation from the Knights, Tri-Valley also received a non-monetary donation in the form of socks. The Atoona-Midway High School FCCLA organization donated over 100 pairs of socks. These socks were then given to individuals served by Tri-Valley in our eight counties.



We were very excited to receive this donation! What a nice way to start the winter season!



Tri-Valley Celebrates the Holidays

October, November and December aka "The Holiday Months" are here and Tri-Valley has been busy celebrating all the holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Celebrations were held

for all three.

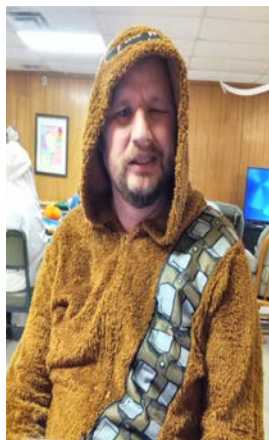
Good food and good conversations were on the menu for all the celebrations. Below are just a few pictures from the various celebrations. Check out our Facebook page for more photos.



Fort Scott held their annual Halloween Party in October. There was a costume contest and a contest for the best Jack O'Lantern.



Not to be out-done, Moline held their annual Halloween party. The costumes were awesome!



Chewbacca and Maleficent were able to attend the Moline 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 select from.

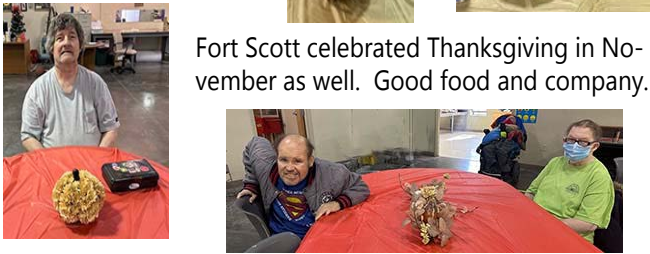
So, the next time, you need to buy something from Amazon, visit Smile.Amazon.com and find out more about the program.

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Iola started celebrating the holiday season in November. They went for a day trip to Bass Pro in Olathe (pictured above). Then they celebrated Thanksgiving on the 24th! (pictured below)



Fort Scott celebrated Thanksgiving in November as well. Good food and company.

Below, both Fort Scott Day Program and Residential Program entered floats into the parade. They won 3rd Place.



Neodesha, Moline, and Eureka celebrated Thanksgiving on the 22nd at the Neodesha Service Center. The meal was a delicious pot luck dinner with all the fixings.



On December 1st, both Chanute and Fort Scott held their annual Lighted Christmas parades. Below, Chanute Day and Residential Programs entered floats in the parade. They won 1st Place for Organizations and 1st Place for Businesses.



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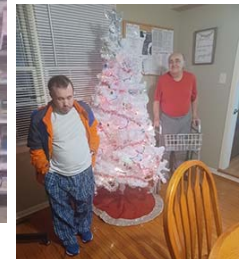


The Chanute Service Center celebrated spirit week from December 12th through 16th. Here are some photos from Pajama Day and Grinch Day.



Below, Fort Scott Residential celebrates the holidays by showing off their Christmas tree and going shopping for presents.

Below, Chanute and Iola held their annual holiday dinner on Wednesday, December 21st at Central Park Pavilion. The dinner was originally set for December 9th but had to be moved to do unforeseen circumstances.



In Memorial

This fall and winter has been a time for reflection. During the past few months, several individuals associated with Tri-Valley have passed away. The families of these individuals remember Tri-Valley during their time of grief and have left memorials in honor of their recently deceased love one.

Thank you to the families and friends of these individuals. Your generosity of spirit shines through during a difficult time.

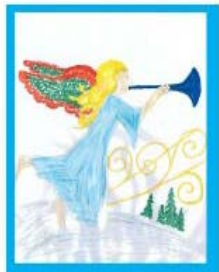
You and your family are in our thoughts, always.

Memorials:
Eldon Ruddle
Christopher Werly
Ron Delay
Charles Bredehoft

Fall Fund-raisers Held

Every fall, Tri-Valley holds fundraisers for the Life Enrichment Programs in Chanute, Eureka, Fort Scott, Iola, Moline, and Neodesha.

For the past ten years, Tri-Valley has sold Holiday Cards. Cards are created from client art work. For 2022, Tri-Valley sold 104 sets of holiday cards. This year's top selling card was the Angel card (pictured below). Money raised from the card sales goes back into the Life Enrichment Programs at the service centers.



The annual West Poinsettia Fundraiser came to an end the week of December 12th. Annually, poinsettia plants are sold in the Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, and Wilson counties as a fundraiser for activity funds for Eureka, Moline, and Neodesha.

In 2022, we sold 600 plants. The plants ranged in small and large sizes and were red, white, pink, and red glitter. The plants were purchased from Neosho Gardens in Council Grove and were delivered to the services centers in Eureka, Moline, and Neodesha on November 21st and December 12th.

As always, each individual who sold plants received a WalMart gift card. The name of the individual with the most sales was added to the trophy housed at the Neodesha Service Center.

Funds raised from the poinsettia sales goes back to the Eureka, Moline, and Neodesha Service Centers. The individuals decide on how to spend the money raised; past ideas have been to buy a new tv for the day program or to spend funds on outings and parties.

Finally, the Fort Scott Horticultural program grew and sold 300 poinsettia plants in 2022. The plants were then sold to local organizations and groups in Fort Scott. A number of the organizations, in turn, sold the plants as fund-raisers. The plants are a double blessing; funds were raised for not only Tri-Valley's horticultural program but for some worthy community groups in the Fort Scott area.

Special thanks to all the staff who made these fund-raisers possible: Austin Bolinger, Gail Beach, Ashley Blackledge, Joe O'Rourke, Edith Sweet, and Derrek Floyd.

Thank you also to everyone who either purchased a set of cards or a plant. Your purchase has benefited some very deserving individuals.

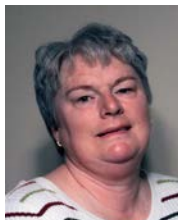
Retirements Held for Long Time Tri-Valley Staff

During the months of November, December and January, Tri-Valley saw the retirement of four long-time staff. Retirement parties were held in their honor.

Susan Knapp retired from her position as Accounting Specialist - Payables on November 30th. She had been with Tri-Valley for 18 years. She was the "go to" person for any payroll or purchasing issues. Susan and her husband have retired to Oklahoma.



On Friday, December 9th, Fort Scott staff held a retirement party for Martha Wrenn. Martha had spent 15 years working in the residential program.



Larry Shelton, another Fort Scott residential staff will retire the first of February. Larry has worked in Fort Scott Residential for 23 years.



Also, after three years with Tri-Valley, Rachel Crigger, VP of Programming, has decided to resign. Rachel's last day will be February 3rd.



Thank you Susan, Martha, Larry, and Rachel for all the hard work and energy you have given to make Tri-Valley successful. You will be remembered fondly! Good luck in your future endeavors!

Friends of Tri-Valley

23rd Annual Raffle Drawing



2023 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck
Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350

Drawing will be held on June 23, 2023 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.

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