

Foundation Purchases New Home

We have some exciting news! In September, the Friends of Tri-Valley purchased our 16th home. The new home is located in Chanute and only required a few minor updates, such as wall paint and flooring.

In early October, three young ladies moved into our newest home, which is located near Neosho County Community College. All three ladies and their families were excited with this opportunity.

They have been busy meeting their new neighbors and getting used to the new home. The plan is to hold an open house in the coming weeks.

This home joins our other fifteen properties located in the counties of Allen, Bourbon, Elk, Neosho, and Wilson. These homes are now called "home" by 74 persons with disabilities served by Tri-Valley. These homes provide a sense of community and inclusion to the persons we serve; helping them to live the lifestyle to which they prefer.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Foundation; either as a member or through one of our many fundraisers. This new home would not have been possible without your past support.



Above, the Foundation's newest home is located in Chanute. To the upper left, Neil Kisner, Maintenance Coordinator, lays new flooring. Upper right, we are getting the kitchen ready for meal prep. Lower left, moping the family room.

25th Raffle Drawing Announced

Plans are underway for the Foundation's 25th annual raffle drawing. The drawing will be held on Friday, June 20th at 1:30 pm (CST) at the Foundation's offices at 521 W. 35 CH Pkwy in Chanute. The prize will be a fully loaded 2025 Ford F150 Platinum Edition truck.

Money raised goes to providing quality and affordable housing (just like the above house) to our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities as well as aid in the delivery of services to those same people.

For everyone who has entered in the past, thank you! We hope that you will enter again this year!



Pictured to the left is last year's prize..

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It's Harvest Time!

Summer refuses to leave, even though the calendar says its fall. Mother Nature must have other plans! But none the less, Fall is a busy time for Tri-Valley while the Foundation has slowed down a bit. 2025 promises to be an exciting time for Tri-Valley as it enters its 50th year. Details coming soon for our planned celebrations.

For Tri-Valley, persons served have been having fun at all the local fall festivals. Our calendars were full every weekend during the months of September and October! A small group composed of individuals from all eight counties spent a few days relaxing in Branson, MO at an air BNB. They had a great time! Day trips are always a blast, either going to the local fishing spot or traveling to the Renaissance Festival.

In August, the Chanute Day Program held a mum fundraiser. The mums were grown in our Fort Scott Greenhouse. On October 5th, the annual fall plant sale was held in Fort Scott to great success! In October, the Moline and Neodesha Day Programs began their annual poinsettia fundraiser. If you purchased a plant during one of these fundraisers, thank you.

On the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation front, we have begun our annual raffle drawing. It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to hold our 25th raffle drawing! Where has the time gone? What began as a pipe dream in 2000 has become an exciting tradition!

The dates have been tentatively set for our 2025 fund-raisers. The decision was made to move our annual silent/live auction event from a Tuesday evening to Friday. So be sure and mark your calendars for Friday, April 4th. The Boardwalk BBQ will be held at the SEK Conference Center in Chanute at 6pm.

Also in 2025, we will hold three golf tournaments. The tentative dates for our golf tournaments are: Fredonia - Saturday, June 28th; Erie - Saturday, August 2nd; and Fort Scott - Saturday, September 13th. More details will follow.

The Foundation is in the midst of our annual 2024-2025 Membership drive. 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)

Are you interested in serving your community? Currently, we have openings on the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation Board of Directors and Tri-Valley Board of Directors. The Foundation has openings in Allen, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, and Woodson. The Tri-Valley Board has openings in, Bourbon, Elk, Greenwood, and Woodson. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit, please reach out to Tricia at either 620-431-7655 or tcampbell@tvds.org.

The reason the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation exists is to support Tri-Valley Developmental Services as it serves individ-

uals with intellectual/ developmental disabilities in our home counties of Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson. That support is in the form of membership drives and fund-raisers held throughout the year.

Thanks to the kind generosity of our Friends, the Foundation is the proud owner of 16 houses and a duplex of which 74 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities are able to call these houses "home."

Thank you!



One of the favorite activities is Special Olympics. In September, Tri-Valley participated in the SEK Corn-hole Tournament.



Each service center sported a different colored uniform. Chanute in Blue; Fort Scott in Red; Neodesha in Dark Blue; and Iola is in Gray.



In September, a small group from Tri-Valley attended the Annual SunBelt Rodeo in Parsons.

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](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and find out more about the program.

Foundation holds Golf Tournaments in August and September

The Foundation held golf tournaments in Chanute and Fort Scott during the months of August and September. Chanute's tournament was held on Saturday, August 10th. Play began at 9 am with eight teams.

The tournament was a four-person scramble with one flight.

The winners for A Flight were:

1st Place - the team of Josh Addis, Cade Addis, Andrew Daughtery, and Jacob VanRoyan (pictured to right); and 2nd Place - the team of Larry Alexander, Michael Alexander, Bill Fiscus, and Marcus Alexander.



Prizes were also handed out for the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. The Longest Drive contest was sponsored by Jennifer Dietsch State Farm and went to George Roush. Closest to the Pin was won by Elmer Roush. The popular Trouble Hole in One and Paul Bunyon hole games were also played.

New this year was the Orange Ball Contest. Each team was given an orange ball at the start of the tournament to play (Orange ball #12 pictured to the right along with the team of Shari Ratliff, Mike Walsh, and Kim Umbarger showing their orange golf-ball). Teams that finished the tournament with their orange ball still in their possession were entered into a drawing for four tumblers. Four teams finished the tournament with their orange golf balls. The team of Elmer Roush, George Roush, Mal-lori Roush, and Dude Shields won the prize for the new contest.



Golfers were entered into a drawing for door prizes donated by local businesses (pictured to the right). Lunch was Subway sandwiches and chips.



The event's corporate sponsors were Jay Hatfield Chevrolet – Chanute; Steve Faulkner Ford; Community National Bank; Cardinal Drug; Kansas Communications; Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles Insurance; Hofer & Hofer & Associates; and Young's Welding.



Our hole sponsors were: A. Lusker Masonry, LLC; Bank of Commerce; Chanute Chiropractic; Cleaver Farm & Home; Credo Senior Living; Galt Pest Control; Grant Gastineau, DDS, LLC; Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips; Kluin Law; Monarch Cement Company; Shields Motors; and USD 413 – Chanute Public Schools. Jennifer Dietsch State Farm also sponsored the goodie bags.



On Saturday, September 14th, the Foundation held their 5th Annual Fort Scott Golf Classic at the beautiful Woodland Hills Golf Course. Play began at 9 am with 12 teams.

Prizes were given out to 1st and 2nd places in A, B, and C Flights. The winners were: A Flight 1st Place - the team of Jan Remington, Gerald Katner, Todd Fox, and Randy Vanwyck (pictured to the right); A Flight 2nd Place - the team of Dustin Hall, Caleb Hall, Nathan Mintz, and Reese Roberts; B Flight 1st Place - the team from Labconco made up of Kurtis Camp, Michael Harper, Ronnie Marsh, and Shawn Marshall; and B Flight 2nd Place - the team of Tanner McNutt, Jason Bauer, Kane Rogers, and Derek Bycroft; C Flight 1st Place - the team from Brent See, Braden Robinson, Bill Fiscus, and Matt Kay; and C Flight 2nd place - the team of George Robinson, Terry Sizemore, Paul Bearden, and Steve Stanfield.



Along with the three flights, prizes were handed out for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. Michael Harper won Closest to the Pin and Kevin Krokstrom won the Longest Drive contest. Players also had the chance to play a few hole games on the course such as Paul Bunyon and Betcha Can't Get on the Green. Six teams returned their golf balls for the Orange Ball Contest. The team of Dustin Hall, Caleb Hall, Nathan Mintz, and Reese Roberts won the four tumblers.

Door prizes were given away while the golfers enjoyed lunch from Marsha's Deli. For the second year in a row, a raffle drawing was held. This year, three prizes were given away. The prizes (pictured to the right) were: a fire pit donated by Niece Products of Fort Scott; framed KC Chiefs Poster donated by Brigg's Auto; and turkey fryer donated by Heidrick's True Value. The raffle winners were: Fire Pit – Paul Bearden; KC Chiefs – Tyler Cook; and Turkey Fryer – Shawn Marshall.



The tournament's sponsors were: American Family Insurance – Jenny Collins; Bourbon County Cars; Brigg's Auto; Cheney Witt Chapel; Don's Spirits and Wines, LLC; Diehl, Banwart, & Bolton; Konantz-Cheney Chapel; Mid-Continental Restoration; Peerless Products; Radell Underground; and Wise Accounting. G & W Foods of Fort Scott, SEK Financial, and Modern Woodman were goodie bag sponsors.



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Tri-Valley Celebrates DSP Week

Nationwide, DSPs are celebrated with a special week every September. For 2024, DSP Recognition Week began on September 9th and ended on September 13th.

Every year, Tri-Valley holds special events during DSP week. In the past, these events have taken the form of meals, door prizes, and goodie bags.

To start our 2024 celebration, each DSP was given a goodie bag loaded with snacks, water, personalized thank you note, lottery tickets, and a t-shirt. On Monday, DSPs were invited to their local service center for freshly baked cinnamon rolls, chocolate milk, and orange juice.

Prizes were randomly given out to over the course of the week. The prizes were: five pairs of sunglasses; four folding camping chairs; three tumblers; two Beas Flex Wireless Earbuds; and one 10 x 10 canopy tent.

On Monday, an additional drawing was held for a \$20 VISA gift card. The winning staff was Shelby Boeken of Chanute Residential.

The week wrapped up on Friday when all DSPs were invited back to the Service Centers for a pizza party.

DSPs play a major role in the success of Tri-Valley, but more especially the success of the persons we serve. While their dedication and hard work is noticed throughout the year, this week shines a light on all that they do. Thank you to all the DSPs out there!



On Monday, DSPs in Chanute are treated to cinnamon rolls, chocolate milk, and orange juice.



On Friday, DSPs in Neodesha enjoy a pizza party.

Golf Tournaments

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A big thank you goes to the Tri-Valley staff who help with all the 2024 tournaments. Lea Chickadonz took photos for three of the tournaments. Brenda Harrison and Brandy Foster for supervising the Trouble Game in Erie. How about those somersaults? Joe O'Rourke for taking charge of "Betcha Can't" in Fredonia and Fort Scott. Neil Kisner, Joe O'Rourke, and Bill Fiscus for setting up banners and hole signs for Chanute, Erie, and Fredonia. Sue Schropp for helping with registration at the Fort Scott Tournament. Tammy Fiscus, Lisa Kinkel, and Melissa Cannon-Smith for helping with the tournament sponsors and collecting door prizes.

All money raised from the golf tournaments 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.

"Without the generosity of our communities, this fun event could not have been held. Thank you to all the golfers who participated as well as to our event sponsors: corporate, hole, and in-kind. It is friends like you that allow us to provide services to our neighbors with I/DD and to help them achieve the quality of life they seek. Thank you" stated Special Projects Coordinator, Tricia Campbell.



A few candid photos from the Chanute Golf Tournament held at the Stone Creek Golf Course.





Friends of Tri♥Valley 25th Annual Raffle Drawing

2025 Ford F150 Platinum Edition SuperCrew Cab Truck

Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350

Drawing will be held on June 20, 2025 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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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

Save the Date for Upcoming 2025 Events

2025 Boardwalk BBQ

April 4th @ SEK Impact Center - Chanute, KS - 6 pm

2025 Golf Tournaments

June 28th - 2025 Fredonia Golf Tournament

August 2nd - 2025 Erie Golf Tournament

September 13th - 2025 Fort Scott Golf Tournament

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