

Persons Served Fundraisers Held

During the months of October, November, and December, Tri-Valley held several seasonal fundraisers.

This fall, Fort Scott's Horticultural Program held a Mum Fundraiser. Mums were grown in the greenhouse and sold to vendors in the Fort Scott area. A greenhouse sale was held with the remaining mums and other ornamental plants in October. The sale was a huge success and the plants were gorgeous. With the success of the mum fundraiser, we repeated it in December with poinsettias. The funds raised went into the horticultural program.

During the months of October and November, persons served in Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, and Wilson county held their annual poinsettia fundraiser. In 2023, we sold 600 plants that varied from 6.5 to 8 inch plants that were red, white, pink, or red glitter. The plants were delivered on November 20th and December 11th. Everyone who sold received a gift card. The funds raised from the poinsettia sales go back to the individual service centers. The persons served meet to decide how to spend the money. In the past, they have bought televisions, aquariums, and went on trips.

The third fall fundraiser held was the annual Holiday Greeting Card. In 2023, we sold a total of 95 sets of cards; 100% of the proceeds went to the Life Enrichment Programs. Greeting cards are available for purchase year round; we have a variety of cards.. We have cards for Valentine's Day, Easter, Condolences, Thank Yous, Birthday, and Congratulations to name a few.

If you participated in one of these fundraisers, thank you! By simply purchasing a plant or set of holiday cards, you have made a world of difference in someone's life. Thank you!

Award Ceremony to be Held

Planning is underway for the 2024 Tri-Valley Developmental Services Annual Awards Ceremony. In 2022 and 2023, separate ceremonies were held in Chanute, Fort Scott, and Neodesha. This year, we will hold one ceremony in Chanute.

The ceremony is a celebration of our accomplishments over the past year. Awards are handed out for community members as well as achievement awards to persons served.

The 2024 event will be on May 1st at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. More information will be made available on our Facebook page as it draws closer.

Until then, don't forget to mark your calendars!

Local Knights Donate Tootsie Roll Funds

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

In mid-December, Cary Brady from the Chanute Knights Council #1046 presented Financial Director, Michelle Reddick, a check from their 2023 Tootsie Roll fundraiser (pictured to the right).



In January and February, Tri-Valley received four donations from Knights Councils within our service area. Fredonia Knights Council # 1291 donated Tootsie Roll funds in January. In February, Grenola Knights Council #1481 and Fort Scott Knights Council #796 donated Tootsie Roll funds.

Also in February, VP of Operations Joe O'Rourke and TVDS Board Member Jim Hogan were surprised with a donation from the Independence Knights Council #918. The check was presented by Rob Williams (pictured below).



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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Time Flies!

Wow, it is hard to believe that it is already March! It has been an interesting winter so far. We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather we have been seeing.

As the saying goes, time flies when you are having fun. And as you can see on page 1 and page 3, Tri-Valley has been having a lot of fun during these winter months. Check out our pictures from the 2023 holiday parties. The months of November and December were a busy time with all the parties (photos on page 3). We would like to give a special thanks for the Fort Scott High School Orchestra. In December, they came to the Service Center and performed (photo below).

Along with our celebrations, Tri-Valley said goodbye to two long-term staff. Receptionist Mary Cline and Assistant Director of Programming Sheryl Gauss retired the last week of December. Parties were held in their honor and staff and persons served were able to stop by and wish both Mary and Sheryl well.

In our Fall Newsletter, we introduced Tri-Valley's new employee recognition program "TVDS". Roxann Maloney was featured in the fall newsletter as the first staff to collect all four "TVDS" chips. In November, two staff joined Roxann in collecting all four chips. Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator, and Brenda Harrison, Director of Programming were recognized on November 28th for their accomplishment (photos below).

On the Foundation front, plans are underway for our 2024 fundraisers. Our annual silent/live auction event is set for Tuesday, April 16th in Chanute. We are excited to announce that it will be held in the new event venue, SEK Impact Center. Tickets are \$35 a person or \$60 for a couple. Tables of 8 are available for \$225. Sponsorships are still available as well. For more information, contact Tricia at either tcampbell@tvds.org or at 620-431-7655.

The dates for our golf tournaments are set. The dates are: Erie - Saturday, May 17th; Fredonia - Saturday, June 29th; Chanute - Saturday, August 10th; and Fort Scott - Saturday, September 14th. Flyers and mailers will go out shortly with all the details for the tournaments.

Our 24th Annual Truck Drawing Raffle is currently underway. This year's prize is a 2024 Ford F150 Platinum Edition truck purchased from our Friends at Steve Faulkner Ford in Chanute. An entry form is available on the last page of this newsletter.

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.

And, last but certainly not least, our annual 2024 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/foundation)

The reason the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation exists 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 are able to call these houses "home."

Thank you! Sheryl Gauss' retirement party in Fort Scott.



Fort Scott High Orchestra performs at the Fort Scott Service Center in December.



Tricia Campbell (above) and Brenda Harrison (left) show off their TVDS chips

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 holds Holiday Parties

Tri-Valley persons served and staff were busy in November and December celebrating the holiday season. On Monday, November 20th, Neodesha kicked off the Tri-Valley Holiday Season with their annual holiday dinner. Neodesha Day hosted the meal with Eureka and Moline Day Program attending. Prizes for the 2023 Poinsettia fund raiser were handed out following the delicious meal.



The following day, Tuesday, November 21st, Fort Scott held their annual Thanksgiving dinner.



To round out Thanksgiving week festivities, Iola Service Center held their Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 22nd.



Not to be left out, but Chanute held their annual holiday dinner on Friday, December 8th.



Friends of Tri-Valley

24th Annual Raffle Drawing



2024 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck
Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350

Drawing will be held on June 21, 2024 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.
FTV is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization offering persons with disabilities
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

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Please make checks payable to Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation.

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Give online at www.tvds.org

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