

What a Difference A Few Months Make

Whew, what a difference a few months can make. In January, who would have thought that we would be dealing with a global pandemic. Here at Tri-Valley, we were getting ready to merge two organizations into one.

In January, the merger between Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc. went swimmingly. Tri-Valley now provides services in Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson Counties. More details on Page 3. The Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation assumed ownership of 3 new homes and our newest home in Fort Scott, Fairway, opened on Friday, March 20th. More details on Page 2.

At the end of January, we said goodbye to Tim Cunningham. and congratulations to Bill Fiscus, who was named CEO in January. More details are on page 2.

The COVID-19 Pandemic not only affected everyone's health, but also event health. Our 2020 Cruise Night was underway for April 14th at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. But during the week of March 16th, we had to change our plans. The new date is July 21st. Doors will open at 6 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. A mailing has gone out to inform all our Friends of the new date.

Like Cruise Night, dates had been set for the two spring golf tournaments. We were able to keep the date for the Far West/Fredonia Golf Tournament; it will be June 27th at the Fredonia Golf Club. We did have to change the date for the West/Erie Tournament. It will be held on August 1st at the Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course. The date for the East/Fort Scott Tournament has also been set; it will be September 12th. More details on Page 3.

The date for our 20th Annual Raffle Drawing will not change. This year's prize is a 2020 Ford F150 Platinum Edition 4WD Magnetic Gray Ford Truck. The lucky winner will have their ticket drawn on June 26th 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!

And, last but certainly not least, our annual 2020 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 620-431-7401, ext. 230 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 12 houses and a duplex of which 61 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities are able to call "home."

Thank you!

Tri-Valley Developmental Services on the COVID-19 Pandemic

The month of March was quite topsy-turvy. On a daily, almost hourly, basis, things changed in regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The week of March 16th was a whirlwind for everyone at Tri-Valley.

Since that time, with everyone's help, we have been able to keep both the individuals we serve and staff safe during this outbreak. Everyone, individuals, staff, and families, have done an outstanding job with these changes. Staff have stepped up to make sure that we continue to provide the best possible services, from day staff going to residential sites for day activities with other day staff working with smaller number of individuals who receive day services only. For the residential staff who have volunteered to work whenever and where ever they are needed. To the Case Managers who have contacted families and guardians to keep them up to date.

Tri-Valley staff will continue to keep our Facebook page and website up to date on our status regarding the coronavirus. If anything changes, we will pass the information on.

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Bill Fiscus steps into new role

At the January 23rd TVDS Board Meeting, VP of Programming Bill Fiscus accepted the position of CEO for Tri-Valley, that was made vacant with the resignation of Tim Cunningham. Bill assumed his new duties on January 29th.

Bill has been with Tri-Valley for 34 years and has been involved in every aspect of Tri-Valley's umbrella of services.

"Tri-Valley was a good fit from the start. Once hired, I knew that this was the place I wanted to be. Working at Tri-Valley is rewarding. If you are having a bad day, just go spend some time with the individuals we provide services to and you will be reminded why you are here."

"Tri-Valley empowers people with disabilities to realize their potential as full citizens in the community, through supporting them in working and living in the place they call home."

It has been a busy time since Bill assumed his new position. In

January, Tri-Valley merged with New Beginnings Enterprises of Neodesha. Tri-Valley now serves the eight counties of Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson

"With the merger of Tri-Valley and New Beginnings, the future is bright and looks to be very exciting."

Everyone at Tri-Valley wishes Bill the best of luck with his new position.

Congratulations on your new venture!

Fairway House is now open

Back in July 2019, the Foundation purchased its newest home in Fort Scott; Fairway House. The Foundation saw a need for four + bedroom homes in all of our counties, but primarily in Fort Scott due to a recent influx of individuals coming in for residential services. Thanks to help from a former Foundation Board Member, the Foundation was able to find a home in Fort Scott.

Work to update the home began immediately. The house was originally a four bedroom house, it is now a six bedroom, three bathroom home.

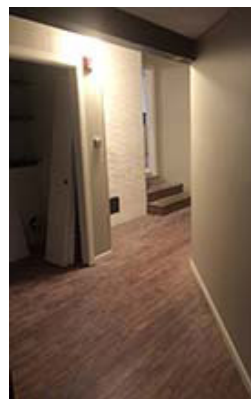
We received word in mid March that the house was move in ready with approval from the state. So, on Friday, March 20th, six individuals moved into their new home. The six gentlemen are very happy and excited to be living in their new home.

Once they have had a chance to settle into their new home and once things have calmed down on the COVID-19 front, we will hold a Open House to showcase our newest home.

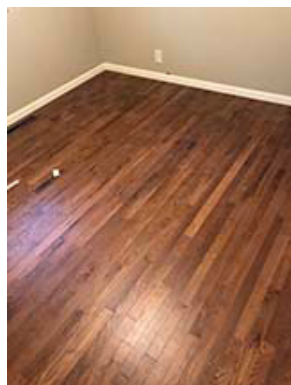
This home would not have been possible without the help from you, our Friends. This beautiful house is now home to six deserving individuals. Thank you!



What was once a garage is now a new bedroom. Brickwork was done to match the exterior of the home.



Above is the new addition that includes a bedroom and bathroom. To the far left is the updated kitchen. To the direct left is a picture of the new flooring that was installed throughout the home.



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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 2020 is Coming

Tri-Valley/New Beginnings Merge

On January 1, 2020, Tri-Valley Developmental Services (TVDS) merged with New Beginnings Enterprises, a Neodesha, KS based organization that served persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood and Wilson counties.

The merged organizations retained the Tri-Valley name and now employs over one-hundred and seventy staff and serves over two hundred individuals with I/DD in the eight counties listed above. The New Beginnings CDDO kept the New Beginning Enterprises name and remains an independent entity, separate from the newly merged organization.

Both agencies are very proud of their accomplishments over the years but believe that the time has come to expand their horizons, because their future is now.

Welcome!



Get your boarding pass today!

Date: ~~April 14,~~ July 21, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Central Park Pavilion,

Forest Avenue and Second Street, Chanute, KS 66720

Tickets are \$45 a piece or \$325 for Tables of 8



For more information, contact Tricia at either 620-431-7401, ext. 230 or tcampbell@tvds.org

Sponsorships are available.

Spring Fundraisers turn into Summer Fundraisers

Foundation staff have spent the winter months preparing for the 2020 Cruise Night fundraiser. In early March, the COVID-19 pandemic made us rethink our plan for this year's Cruise Night.

In order to protect everyone's health and safety, the Foundation changed the date for the 2020 Cruise Night Fundraiser. Instead of April 14th, Cruise Night will be held on July 21st at 6 pm at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute. Postpone date postcards have been sent out. We will be sure to keep everyone up to date on any changes.

We still have a number of exciting plans for this year's Cruise Night. So, be sure to reserve your tickets now. Thank you to all our sponsors: Monarch Cement; Community National Bank; Home Savings Bank; Monarch Cement Company; Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles; Ash Grove; Hofer & Hofer & Associates, Inc.; IMA; Ashley Clinic; Bank of Commerce, InFocus Photography, Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, Landmark National Bank; Neosho County Community College; Merle Kelly Ford; Sonic Drive-ins of Iola and Chanute; Cheney Witt Funeral Chapel; Cleaver Farm & Home,;and Hi-Lo Industries.

Planning had also begun for our two spring golf tournaments. The date was set for the annual Erie or West Spring Golf Tournament. It was to be May 31st at Horizons at Prairie Ridge Golf Course. But, like with Cruise Night, COVID-19 put a halt to those plans. Instead, the tournament will be held on Saturday, August 1st. We will send out more information on the tournament as summer draws closer.

On the positive side, with the New Beginnings/Tri-Valley merger, we will hold a "new to us" golf tournament in Fredonia or the Far West. The tournament is set for Saturday, June 27th at the Fredonia Golf Club. Information has been sent out to our friends who might be interested in playing. This tournament is a continuation of New Beginnings annual golf tournament. We welcome anyone interested to come join us for a fun filled day.

Mark your calendars for this fall! The Fort Scott or East Golf Tournament is set for September 12th at Woodland Hills Golf Course.

Also, our 20th Annual Raffle Drawing is currently underway. The tickets are \$50 or 8 for \$350. The drawing will be end on Friday, June 26th at 1:30 pm (CST) at our administrative offices in Chanute.

Please be sure to visit our website (www.tvds.org) and our Facebook for the latest updates.



Pictured above are a few of the auction items for Cruise Night. We have an iRobot Roomba; one of kind photos; items for wine aficionados, plus much, much more.



Friends of Tri♥Valley

20th Annual Raffle Drawing

2020 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Magnetic Gray Truck
Tickets are \$50 each or 8 tickets for \$350



Drawing will be held on June 26, 2020 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.
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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.

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521 W. 35 CH Pkwy, P.O. Box 518, Chanute, KS 66720

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