



Quarterly Newsletter

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Happy Fall!

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Well, it has been an interesting summer. We hope you had a safe and happy summer, but I think everyone is ready for fall to come and bring cooler temperatures with it. Here at the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation, Fall is our time to reflect and plan for the upcoming year's events.

The 18th Annual Raffle Drawing is underway. We will soon announce the winning package for the truck. Be on the look out for that information as it becomes available. The 18th drawing will be June 22nd at 1:30 pm. Enter today for your chance. As in the past, tickets are \$50 a piece or 8 may be purchased for \$350.

We have begun planning for the 2018 Cruise Night. We are looking at dates in April; so be on the look-out for more information as it becomes available.

The date is set for our annual golf tournament. Mark your calendars! The tournament will be May 19th at the Prairie Ridge at Horizons Golf Course in Erie.

And, last but not least, we are also currently underway with the 2018 membership drive. 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 you are willing to make.

The reason we hold these fundraisers 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, Neosho, and Woodson.

Thanks to your kind generosity, we have been able to build six homes and have acquired a duplex as well as additional home in Fort Scott; 41 of our neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities are able to call these houses "home." Thank you to our Friends!

Proposed Logo Change

Over the last few months, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation Board as well as Tri-Valley Board and Staff have been working on updating the Tri-Valley Logo. Below is the proposed new logo:



Both Boards still have to approve the change. But we wanted to show you what the new logo might be in the near future. Well, what do you think?

Homes Project

Last winter, we announced that the Foundation Board decided to update our duplex located in Chanute. The duplex was built in the 1970s and needed some work done to bring it up to date. Work began in January and was wrapped up in April. In the Spring newsletter, we showed some before pictures. Well, we are happy to present the newly remodeled duplex. The four gentlemen that live in the duplex were excited to come home to their newly updated digs.



In September, the Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation was given the opportunity to bid on the house owned by Faith House in Chanute. Faith House was the homeless shelter that sadly lost funding this year, so they needed to dispose of their assets. The Foundation's bid was accepted. On September 25th, the deed to the house was transferred to the Foundation. The house needs a little work. We plan to take our time with the remodel. We will be updating flooring and adding some safety features. Everyone is very excited about the new house and can't wait for it become a home to some deserving individuals.

Again, we cannot say it often enough, but neither one of these remodels would be possible without the support of you, our Friends. Thank you!

Tri-Valley West Side Happenings

We would like to take a few moments and show you some of the fun activities Tri-Valley has hosted over the last few months.

On September 21st, clients who receive residential services in Chanute attended a picnic at Santa Fe Lake. A good time was had by all (pictured on the right).



Then on September 22nd, clients and staff from the Chanute and Iola Service Centers held their annual tailgate party in Chanute. Due to the weather conditions (it was awful windy, imagine that in Kansas), the festivities were held indoors.



Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs that were cooked outside by Shirley and Bill Ulrich (pictured above).



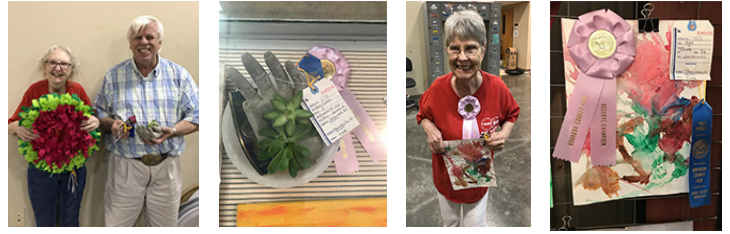
Thank you to Home Savings Banks for loaning use of their cooker. Everyone wore their favorite team

jerseys and sat at tables named after their favorite teams (Chiefs, Broncos, Jayhawks, Wildcats, Shockers, etc.). A fun time was had by all!

Tri-Valley East Side Happenings

As you can tell from the previous page, late summer/early fall has been a busy time at Tri-Valley. We've showcased the events held in Chanute, now is Fort Scott's turn.

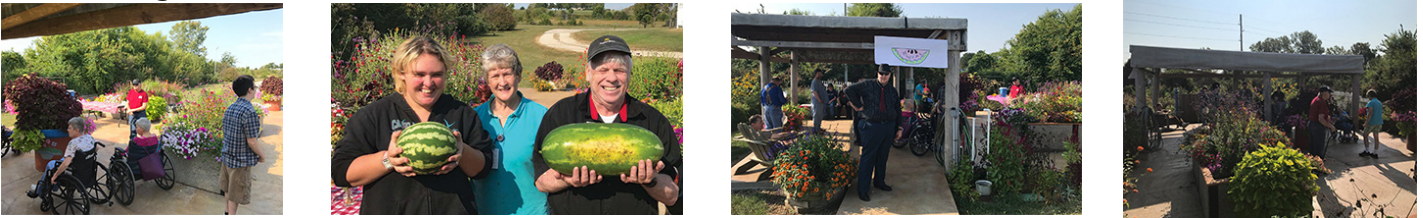
In August, Fort Scott clients entered both plants and art projects into the 2017 Bourbon County Fair Open Class. Jean Hanley won Reserve Champion in the watercolors division. Archie Wallace won Reserve Champion in cement division (Pictured to the right are Pat & Archie Wallace, Archie's prize winning project, Jean Hanley, and Jean's prize winning project.)



In total, 33 individuals receiving services in Bourbon County entered either an art/crafts project or a plant that they grew in the Fort Scott Garden in the Fair. A majority of these fair entries received ribbons. Congratulations to everyone who entered a project in the Fair.



Then, in late September, the Fort Scott Service Center held a watermelon party. The day was perfect and everyone attending enjoyed watermelon that they had grown in the garden as well as spending time in said garden.



This year, Fort Scott grew a new variety of tomato plants and my were they a success. The Parks

Whooper variety grew to be the largest tomatoes we have ever had. The tomatoes ended up weighing right over 1 lb (pictured on the left). In Late September, Fort Scott clients and staff are enjoying fresh tomato slices and making salsa.



These folks are the people who benefit from your generous donations. None of these events would have been possible without the help of you, our Friends.

Recent Memorials

We would like to express our condolences to the families of the following individuals as well as thank them for naming Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc. in their memorials.

Please take comfort in knowing that your loved one will be honored by giving hope for a better tomorrow.

Danny Gossett
Ronald Gossett
Jill Haney

Jennie Masterson
Frank McDonald

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The Foundation was formed in 1991 and serves the counties of Allen, Bourbon, Neosho, and Woodson in Southeast Kansas

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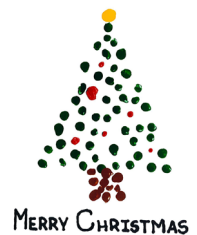
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How the program works is simple. When you shop at Smile.
Amazon.com, Amazon will donate to your favorite charitable
organization. The Friends of Tri-Valley is listed as one of the
charitable organizations you can selected from.

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

Tri-Valley to Sell Christmas Cards

This Holiday season, Tri-Valley is once again selling
Christmas cards.



The cards are sold in packs of 10 for \$5.
All proceeds from the sales go toward the
Life Enrichment Program.

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

Poinsettia Sales

Coming in November, the Fort Scott Horticultural
Program will be selling red Poinsettia Plants, which
were grown in the Fort Scott Greenhouse. The price
of the Poinsettias includes the plant, gold pot cover,
and sales tax.



If you are interested, please contact Barbara McCord
at either bmccord@tvds.org or 620-223-3990 ext.
434. She would like to have all orders by the end of
November.

These plants make great decorations or
as a gift for that hard to buy for person!