

Our Vision

TNC Community works to be the region's foremost provider of high-quality services to persons with developmental disabilities by providing individuals the opportunity to achieve their goals in a safe and healthy environment.



A Message from the Executive Director



James Landrum, MSW
Executive Director

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you're just sitting there." -Will Rogers

Interesting quote, right? Albeit witty, Rogers' comedic comment speaks to a serious point that we still grapple with today. Getting too comfortable or "set in one's ways" can lead to stagnation, resistance and missed opportunities.

At TNC, we value inclusion in our local communities, encourage interdependence among the individuals and families we serve and welcome innovative influence from our staff and volunteers.

I believe it's been this kind of culture and forward-thinking that has kept our beloved organization going strong for over 60 years and continues to enhance the quality of life of every person associated with TNC Community.

Your involvement can keep us moving on the right track. I encourage you to continue to advocate with us for the rights and funding for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you haven't done so already, check out our new website www.tnccommunity.org. Learn more about TNC, our [Parents Guardians Friends and Family \(PGFF\)](#) group and everything we can do to [assist you and your loved ones](#).

As we move into March, help us celebrate National Disability Awareness Month by volunteering, making a donation, or showing your support for TNC Community by participating in our planned events. There's more information about all of those activities below.

Don't just sit there. Jump aboard Team TNC. Everyone is welcome!



**Registration is
Open NOW!**

The messiest, muddiest fun run in KC is BACK with a new course and obstacles on the scenic trails of [Unity Village!!](#)



Register for the 2018 Dirty Duo 5K to benefit TNC Community.

Take advantage of our early bird registration deadline and SAVE. Just register before March 5.

Groups of four or more can help themselves to a discount as well! [Just click here for details.](#)

[Sponsorship opportunities are available.](#) To become a

Dirty Duo 5K sponsor or to volunteer, visit www.kcdirtyduo.com today!

Thanks to our Gritty Mudder sponsor [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City](#) and Community Partner [KC Treadz](#).

The Journey to Be Heard

Last March, three individuals from one of TNC's group home locations rode all the way to Jefferson City, for Legislative Day at the Capitol.

AB, DS, and RH chose to attend this progressive event with their residential support manager and coordinator. Saying that they enjoyed every bit of the action is an understatement. AB smiled all the way to Jefferson City and would not stop giggling throughout the day. When they arrived, DS' eyes were focused, looking outside the bus windows, engulfed in the energy of the event and enamored with the unfamiliar view. He was extremely excited and would independently move himself forward in his wheelchair, eager to go in every direction.

Though he was timid with the service dogs when we arrived to the Capitol Building, AB was all smiles during the guided-tour through the building and while visiting the museum.

One of the programs included presentations from individuals, legislators, family members and other advocates for people with disabilities. They guys listened intently.

As the day progressed the guys noticed some familiar faces in the large crowd as several individuals from other TNC homes and staff members ventured to Jefferson City as well to commemorate the day. Everyone had a great time sharing the experience and were tired at the end of the trip, but if you ask any of the guys, they'll tell you it was worth it!



March is National Disability Awareness Month

"In 1987 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.' The presidential proclamation called upon Americans to provide the 'encouragement and opportunities' necessary for people

with developmental disabilities to reach their potential.

Advocates recognized a moral imperative to engage individuals with developmental - and other - disabilities. With passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, workplace discrimination against people with disabilities became sanctionable...

The national conversation began to address the full spectrum of services needed for people with disabilities to live secure, fulfilling lives. Passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 2004, further cemented the resolve of self-advocates and their supporters."

Source: *Special Needs Alliance*

[More information](#)

Raising Funds at Raising Cane's

Help us raise funds for TNC Community at Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

On **Friday, March 9, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Westport location**, Raising Cane's will donate 15% of net food and beverage sales generated by supporters, families, friends of TNC Community.

Just show this handy dandy flyer on your phone, tablet, print a copy and take it with you or mention this fundraiser when you order and you'll be helping TNC without spending an extra penny (and you'll get some delicious eats out of the deal, too)!

[More information](#)



Legislative Day at the Capitol

Join us on Tuesday March 13 for Disability Rights Legislative Day: Let Freedom Ring in the Rotunda (first floor) at the Missouri State Capitol building in Jefferson City, MO.

Gather with other advocates, providers, individuals and families. Connect with

legislators and lobbyists and hear from Christopher Worth of Paraquad in St. Louis, MO., our emcee for this monumental event.

For more information call the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council at (800) 500-7878.

Make Some Dough for TNC at Panera

Stop in for a snack, late lunch or dinner at

Panera on 40 Highway by the Shops at Bass Pro

Panera will donate a percentage of net food and beverage sales generated by supporters, families, friends of TNC Community (and generally just hungry people) on **March 15, 4-8 p.m. at the 40 Highway location.**

Only purchases accompanied by our fundraising flyer on the time, date and location identified will be eligible.

[More information](#)



The flyer features a green logo at the top with a fork, a plate with a dollar sign, and a knife. Below it, the text reads "Panera FUNDRAISING" with arrows pointing to the brand name. Underneath is "HELP SUPPORT" in green, followed by the TNC COMMUNITY logo, which includes a red heart icon and the text "TNC COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES". Two green boxes provide event details: "WHERE 18800 East US Highway 40, Independence, MO" and "WHEN Thursday, March 15th FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm". A small paragraph explains that the flyer or an electronic version should be shown to the cashier, and that gift card purchases and catering are not counted. At the bottom, a green box says "Ordering Online? Try Rapid Pick-Up. Enter 'FUND' at checkout to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization." A small copyright notice "©2015 Panera Bread. All Rights Reserved." is at the very bottom.



House Approves Changes to Americans With Disabilities Act

by Michelle R. Davis

Amid vocal protests from disability rights activists, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the ADA Education and Reform Act Thursday on a vote of 225 to 192.

Critics say the controversial legislation, also known as H.R. 620, would severely damage accessibility protections laid out in the 27-year-old landmark Americans with Disabilities Act. The vote was split mostly along party lines with a dozen Democrats joining nearly all House Republicans voting in favor of the bill.

The legislation would require people facing accessibility barriers at public businesses - whether that means a lack of wheelchair ramps, special parking or bathroom facilities - to provide written notice of their concerns. Businesses would have up to 60 days to respond and then an additional 60 days to begin improvements.

[More information](#)



February 19 - April 8

Through the Eyes of Picasso

Recurring daily, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO, 64111

Explore Pablo Picasso's life-long fascination with African and Oceanic art, uniting his paintings

and sculpture with art that had a seminal impact on his own creative exploration.

Thursday, February 22

Independence Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum: April 3rd City Council Election
2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Two Sessions), MCC - Blue River, 20301 E. 78 Highway, Independence, MO
64057

Moderated forum fostering citizen engagement.

Tuesday, February 27

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of Clay County Board Meeting
6:30 p.m., 920 S. Kent Street, Liberty, MO 64068

Wednesday, February 28

Kansas City Parks & Recreation Black History Program
1-3 p.m., Hillcrest Community Center, 10401 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, MO
Share in the experience of African-American culture through performances of African dance,
songs, and skits. Light refreshments will be served.

March

National Disability Awareness Month

Friday, March 9

TNC Fundraiser
11 a.m.- 8 p.m. Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, 4040 Mill Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

Tuesday, March 13

Disability Rights Legislative Day
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Missouri State Capitol, 201 W Capitol Ave, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Thursday, March 15

TNC Fundraiser
4 - 8 p.m., Panera, Bread, 18800 East US Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055

Saturday, March 19

Volunteer Day
TNC Community I.S.L.

Friday, March 30

Food Truck Friday
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., TNC Community, 12404 E. U.S. Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055

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