



TNC Insights

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From the Executive Director



We've been busy, busy, busy at TNC Community!

We kicked off our summer fun with the 5th annual Kansas City Dirty Duo 5K at Unity Village. It was great to see the families, individuals and participants having a fun time in the great outdoors. We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather to tackle obstacles and crawl through the mud. We certainly couldn't have asked for a better cause to conquer it all... TNC Community.

Look for photos from the event in the "Summer Celebrations" issue of *The Independent* magazine and check us out on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

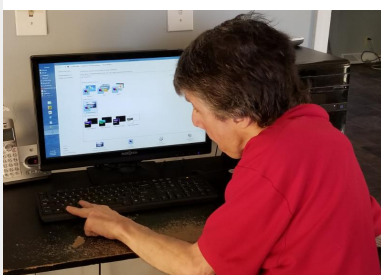


Please join me in congratulating our Development Director Kendra Kemp for graduating from the Independence Chamber of Commerce L.E.A.D. Independence program.

Kendra has been with TNC for just about two years and is truly a leader. She is the first staff member to participate in this nine-month program and there will be more to follow. In the L.E.A.D. program Kendra and her classmates had a chance to explore a variety of timely issues and topics such as education, health care and economic development. I was happy to attend her graduation and witness the camaraderie, close connections and professional development that came from this opportunity. Well done, Kendra!



In this issue of our Insight's newsletter we also recognize 2018 Tognascoli Award recipient Keela Leggs. Keela has been with us for just over a year and is an absolute joy. Read more about Keela and Mr. and Mrs. Tognascoli in the feature below.



I am PLEASED to share with you that we now have an office in the Northland! As we continue to expand our supportive services in Clay County the need for a convenient location north of the river became immediate. The new office space is currently being used to host meetings, program training and events.

In May we completed our CARF (Commission on Accreditation of



Rehabilitation Facilities) survey and just received notice that once again, TNC Community received the highest level of CARF accreditation!

Thanks to all the volunteers, donors, employees and families that keep TNC Community moving forward as one of the premier providers of quality care for individuals with disabilities.

Sincerely,

James Landrum, MSW
Executive Director

Cowtown to Chi-Town Trip Becomes Reality



RP has always expressed an interest in travel, particularly by plane or train. A very interdependent individual, RP joined TNC Community in 2013. He shops for food and cooks his own healthy meals, goes for walks around his community and appreciates the time he spends

with his housemates, church members and TNC staff. A talented artist, RP loves to draw and has decorated his room with the things he finds intriguing and bring him enjoyment like his drawings of airplanes, trains and models of various air crafts and other personal items.

RP visits museums, shows and special exhibits related to airplanes. During one of his Individual Support Plan meetings he stood up from his chair, walked to his room and returned to the meeting with one of his beloved airplanes in his hands to show the direct care staff. Interpreting his gesture, members of RP's health team asked if he wanted to get another plane or visit an upcoming event related to his interests.

RP expressed that his goal was to get *on* a plane and vacation outside of the local area... and Chicago was his dream destination. With assistance from management and programming staff, RP identified the time frame for his trip, searched for the best deal on an airline ticket, packed his bag and before long, "Wheels Up!" RP and his direct care staff were headed to the Second City.

The experience was one-of-a-kind for RP as this was his first time riding on a plane. Needless to say, this is a memory that RP will hold onto for years to come.

The Tognascioli Legacy Continues

The Tognascoli award is regarded as one of the many important elements at TNC Community.



Jeff Tognascoli was an individual who was supported by TNC Community for many years. Jeff's parents were so grateful to TNC staff for the love and specialized care that their son received while with the organization. After Jeff passed away, Mr. and Mrs. Tognascoli decided the best way to honor their son and the hard work and quality of life afforded to him while with TNC was to establish a legacy award in his name.

Since 2004, the award has been presented to a direct-care staff member who shows exemplary care, leadership, inclusion, professional development and provision of support for individuals supported by TNC and their colleagues. It is an extremely prestigious acknowledgement because recommendations come directly from the nominee's colleagues and individuals who receive supportive services.

This year's awardee is Keela Leggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tognascoli, TNC Executive Director James Landrum, Residential Support Manager Nurudeen Owodunni, administrative staff and individuals Keela directly supports gathered to present the award.

"...because she always wants to help me... and most time cooks good food for me," said one of the individuals Keela supports. "...I worked with Keela for almost a year," said Owodunni. "I can confidently call her anytime and I think someone is in need of support and I know she will be glad to help all individuals; not only at the Plaza location but across all TNC locations in Missouri."

Congratulations Keela and thank you!



Save-A-Life First Aid & CPR

Now Offering CPR & First Aid Training

If you've been putting it off, don't wait any longer. TNC Community is offering CPR, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens training.

To register, [click here](#) or visit the [Events section](#) of the [TNC website](#).

August 23
Bloodborne Pathogens @ 8 a.m.



WINGSTOP IS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd &
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24th
11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
PRESENT THIS FLYER AT THE WINGSTOP BELOW
WINGSTOP WILL DONATE 25%
OF YOUR PURCHASE TO
TNC COMMUNITY

TNC COMMUNITY
SUPPORT AND CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

INDEPENDENCE 11825 E. 40 HIGHWAY (316) 353-WING (9464)
SHOP THE WING ORDER @ WINGSTOP.COM

Finger Lickin' Donations Aug. 23 and 24

Your neighborhood Wingstop has teamed up with your favorite supportive service provider to make giving more convenient and DELICIOUS!

First-Aid @ 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CPR @ 1-3:30 p.m.

September 27

Bloodborne Pathogens @ 8 a.m.
First-Aid @ 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CPR @ 1-3:30 p.m.

October 25

Bloodborne Pathogens @ 8 a.m.
First-Aid @ 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CPR @ 1-3:30 p.m.

Get some great eats and support TNC Community. Dine at the Independence, MO., 40 Highway Wingstop on August 23 or August 24 any time between 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., mention TNC and 25% of your purchase will help provide programming and supportive services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Just mention TNC Community when placing your food and/or drink order and BAZINGA! It's as simple as that!



Save the Date for TNC Day Sept. 22

TNC Community individuals, supporters staff, family members and friends are invited to attend TNC Day.

Saturday, September 22

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Macken Park

1000 E 27th Ave, North Kansas City, MO 64116

Enjoy food, fun, music and family-friendly entertainment, games and prizes. Join #TeamTNC as we celebrate another successful year.

Call (816) 373-5060, email

development@tnccommunity.com or visit www.tnccommunity.org for more information.



Visit Booth #115 at Ability Summit

The Midwest Ability Summit is collaboration between several metro-wide organizations. The purpose is to create a truly metro-wide ability expo for those with disabilities and older adults, their families, caregivers, healthcare professionals and as an educational opportunity for the entire Greater Kansas City community and surrounding areas.

Saturday, August 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Overland Park Convention Center,

6000 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66211

TNC will be exhibiting at booth #115. Be sure to stop by, meet with TNC staff, parents, individuals and learn all about our awesome organization!

No cost to attend. [Click here for more information.](#)

Smithsonian Puts Spotlight On Special Olympics

by Shaun Heasley | Disability Scoop

With a new exhibit, the Smithsonian Institution is highlighting how athletics have helped to dramatically change the lives of people with intellectual disabilities over the last 50 years.

("Special Olympics at 50" is now on

display at the National Museum of American History in Washington. Jaclyn Nash/National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution)

The display “Special Olympics at 50” was unveiled last month at the National Museum of American History in Washington just as the international sporting movement is celebrating a half-century.



“Founded at a time when people with intellectual disabilities (ID) were often institutionalized or hidden away, Special Olympics changed attitudes about the abilities and talents of children and adults with ID — giving them the chance to train their bodies, build confidence, meet new people and share skills through sports,” the Smithsonian said.

Located in the museum’s “of note case,” the exhibit showcases how Eunice Kennedy Shriver evolved a backyard camp for young people with intellectual disabilities into Special Olympics, which hosted its first international games in 1968 in Chicago.

The Smithsonian display also features the stories of four well-known Special Olympics athletes — Marty Sheets, Ricardo Thornton, Loretta Claiborne and Lee Dockins — with a pennant, jersey, medal and other mementos from the athletes’ experiences at various games over the decades.

In addition, visitors can engage with the exhibit by jumping between agility lines and see the height of the uneven parallel bars, Smithsonian officials said.

The Special Olympics display will be on view through June 2019.

[More information](#)



Anytime is a Good Time to Give to TNC

You can have a real impact on the lives of individuals and families supported by TNC Community. Click on the links below to learn more:

[Memorial Tribute](#)
[Wills, Trusts, and Estate Giving](#)
[Workplace Giving or Sponsorship](#)



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Fridays and Saturdays

Live Jazz

Mutual Musicians Foundation, 1823 Highland Ave. Kansas City, MO 64108

1-5 a.m.

August 14, 2018

TNC Community Board Meeting

12404 E. U.S. Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055

3:30 p.m.

August 16, 2018

Mutual Musicians Foundation Live Jazz Performance

TNC Community Group Home

4 p.m.

August 23, 2018

Finger Lickin' Fundraiser

Wingstop, 1825 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055

11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

August 24, 2018

Finger Lickin' Fundraiser

Wingstop, 1825 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055

11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

August 25, 2018

2018 Midwest Ability Summit

Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66211

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

August 28, 2018

eitas-Developmental Disability Services Board Meeting

8511 Hillcrest Rd, Kansas City, MO 64138

5:30 p.m.

August 28, 2018

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of Clay County Board Meeting

920 Kent St, Liberty, MO 64068

6:30 p.m.

August 31, 2018

46th Annual Santa-Cali-Gon Days Festival

Historic Independence Square

5-11 p.m.

