



TNC Insights

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From the Executive Director



Summer is officially here! I don't know about you, but I enjoy this time of year. School is out. Graduations. Longer days and spending time with family, friends and making new memories.

AB, an introverted individual supported at one of our group homes experienced the pride and accomplishment that comes with reaching one's full potential and excelling in academics. Recently, we celebrated this milestone as AB was honored with the 2018 Personal Success of the Year Award from Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County-eitas.



Read all about him in the featured story below.

We're continuing to launch new, innovative programming at TNC. Last week we were excited to kick off our second year of in-home jam sessions through our partnership with the Mutual Musicians Foundation. Check out a clip from the first performance on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.



And *my* favorite event of the year... the KC Dirty Duo 5K! It's right around the corner and this year KMBC-9 First-Alert Meteorologist Neville Miller will be our host. Everyone is welcome. Young... young at heart... and anyone in between. Remember, every registration goes straight to TNC Community's programming and the individuals and families we support.

[Register today](#)

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



AB Meets Milestone & Receives Award at EITAS Dinner

As he goes through his everyday tasks of learning and adjusting to adulthood, AB quietly works to live a life of fulfillment and normalcy.

Last summer, AB graduated from a local state high school. Through the Missouri Department of Education's program for severely disabled individuals, TNC Community staff and his guardian worked to enroll AB in the program. Once he became a student, AB worked with his instructors and in-home staff throughout the length of the program to ensure his success.



His consistent attendance and participation, determination and support he received from his roommates and others gave him the encouragement he needed to make his dream a reality. On the day of his graduation ceremony, AB was joined by his roommates, friends, and staff who were all smiling from ear-to-ear and beaming with pride.

As satisfying as this moment was, tears of joy were shed as AB was escorted down the aisle to receive his scroll and certificate of completion. He was all smiles and now his framed certificate hangs in his room. A reminder of what anyone can accomplish with determination, encouragement and support.



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.



KC Dirty Duo 5K Saturday, June 16

Get down and dirty at the 2018 Kansas City Dirty Duo 5K. It's 3.1 miles of mud, mystery obstacles,

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

June 28

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

July 26

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

August 23

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

September 27

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

October 25

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

mud, music, mud and MORE MUD hosted by **KMBC-9 First Alert Meteorologist, Neville Miller!** This year we've ADDED a 1K course for individuals of ALL ability levels! Try the 5K or the 1K. It's up to you!

It all happens at the scenic trails of Unity Village in Lee's Summit, MO. Your registration includes food, fun, live entertainment, a one-of-a-kind Kansas City Dirty Duo finisher's medal, a race day t-shirt and a special surprise at the end of the race.

Costumes are encouraged so grab your crew and join us for the muddiest 5K in Kansas City! In addition to the Dirty Duo's unique finisher's medal and race day t-shirt, there will also be prizes awarded to the top female and male finisher.

ALL PROCEEDS benefit TNC Community.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Lowe's Pulling Products Amid Concerns About Disability Ties

by Michelle Diamant | June 5, 2018

Heeding calls from advocates, one of the nation's largest home improvement stores says it will remove certain products with possible links to developmental disabilities from its shelves. Lowe's said late last month it will stop selling paint removal products containing the chemicals methylene chloride, or DCM, and N-methyl pyrrolidone, or NMP, by the end of the year.

Children who are exposed to the chemicals during pregnancy face a higher risk of development issues that can contribute to learning and developmental disabilities, according to advocates. In April, a coalition of groups including The Arc, the Autism Society of America and the American Network of Community Options and Resources, or ANCOR, wrote to Lowe's chairman and CEO Robert A. Niblock asking the company to halt sales of the products.

"Scientific evidence from multiple studies shows that both men's and women's exposures to toxic solvents including DCM and NMP are linked to lasting problems with



brain development, cognition and behavior in their children,” the groups wrote. “We ask that you take action now to help protect people’s health and lives, especially those of childbearing age, by phasing out the sale of these toxic products within six months or less.”

The Environmental Protection Agency had proposed a ban on the chemicals, but put the plan on indefinite hold last year, the advocacy groups said. Lowe’s did not specifically cite the disability groups’ concerns in its announcement, but said the company is committed to working with the EPA on establishing a consistent industry standard while also encouraging vendors to improve labeling.

The retailer indicated that it already offers several paint removal options that do not contain methylene chloride and plans to add more.

“We care deeply about the health and safety of our customers, and great progress is being made in the development of safer and more effective alternatives,” said Mike McDermott, chief customer officer at Lowe’s. “As a home improvement leader, we recognize the need for viable paint removal products and remain committed to working closely with suppliers to further innovate in this category.”

[More information](#)



Fridays and Saturdays

Live Jazz

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

1-5 a.m.

June 9, 2018

GSA Day of Caring

TNC Community Group Home

8 a.m.-12 p.m.

June 11, 2018

The Whole Person Bowling Blind

Ward Parkway Lanes, 1523 W. 89th St., Kansas City, MO 64114

6:30 p.m.

June 15, 2018

Jackson County Parks & Recreation Special Population Services Lemonade Dance

Flemming Park, Shelter #3, 22807 SW Woods Chapel Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015

6:30-8:30 p.m.

June 16, 2018

KC Dirty Duo 5K

Unity Village

8 a.m.

June 19, 2018

TNC Community Board Meeting
12404 E. U.S. Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055
3:30 p.m.

June 26, 2018

eitas-Developmental Disability Services Board Meeting
8511 Hillcrest Rd, Kansas City, MO 64138
5:30 p.m.

June 26, 2018

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

June 27, 2018

Young Independence Professionals Lunch & Learn
Hereford House, 19721 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057
12-1 p.m.

