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MISSION
Advocating for interdependent living, education, and community inclusion through competent, caring support.

VISION
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. TNC Community will be an advocate for interdependent living, meaningful community education, and inclusion.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019
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In 2001, TNC Community transitioned into providing support and care to adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) in homes throughout the Kansas City area.
attend a day program, work at a sheltered workshop or volunteer 25%

Cerebral Palsy 36%
Dual Diagnosis, co-occurring disability 39%

Demographics

56% Women

44% Men

20-39 21.4%
40-54 44.7%
55-64 23.3%
65+ 10.7%

Culture

Caucasian 75%
Hispanic/Latino 6%
Asian 2%
African-American 17%

100% Severe Developmental Disability

45% non-verbal or minimal speech
63% use an ambulatory assistive device

40% seizure disorder

Axis I diagnosis, such as a clinical diagnosis

use an ambulatory assistive device

55%
On a sunny summer afternoon, Shauna, a TNC-supported individual wanted to do something fun with her housemates. Shauna loves adventure, but is reserved and quiet. She is also non-verbal and lives at our Elm ISL. Her direct care staff have built a close bond with Shauna as she cannot communicate her thoughts verbally, but instead using sounds, facial expressions and movement to speak. But with extremely limited discretionary funds, they needed to find something that they could enjoy, but did not have a cost associated with the event.

After some discussion they decided to visit the Native Hoofed Animal Enclosure at beautiful Lake Jacomo. When they arrived to Lake Jacomo, they joined other participants on the guided tour of the grounds. When the time came to feed the animals, Shauna was a little apprehensive so she frowned, shrugged her shoulders and was hesitant to encounter the large beings. However, with some reassurance that she was safe and supported, Shauna began to smile, reached out her carrot-filled hand to offer the gentle elk an afternoon treat.

Shauna immediately perked up. She started to hop and bounce her shoulders to show her enjoyment and approval for feeding the elk. It was a good day for direct care staff, Shauna's housemates and most of all, for Shauna.

Road trips are always a fun time. Stories are shared. Experiences are embraced and memories are made that last a lifetime. So, on a Friday afternoon, Mary and Bernice; residents of our Sterling Individual Living Home (ISL) decided it was the perfect time for a girl's trip. Mary and Bernice receive supportive services from TNC Community. Mary has minimal speech, adores animals, is very outgoing and always adorns herself with colorful beaded necklaces and bracelets before leaving her house to start the day. Bernice is a gentle soul. She attends church service regularly, extremely interdependent and uses a wheelchair for mobility. After packing their bags and a quick stop at the TNC Community headquarters to bid their farewells to staff, Mary, Bernice and their direct care staff left exclaiming, "Girl's trip! Girl's trip!" as they headed down the highway to Branson, MO.

The ladies hit the town to see the interactive stage play, “Samson-Live On Stage” at the Sight and Sound Theatres. Before hitting the highway back home Mary and Bernice requested a stop at one of the souvenir shops to find a memento to commemorate the event. A specialized time period photo did the trick. The ladies and the direct care staff dressed in western attire and were given props from the era to give the photo an authentic look. The theme of the picture was “Gangsters and Dolly.” Mary and Bernice chose to dress as showgirls and their staff wore gangster costumes. The picture captured the moment that sums up their trip. It was absolutely fun, fulfilling and exactly what they desired.
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