

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS & A PROMISING FUTURE

A message from Kelly McGillis, CEO



Reflecting on the past...

Founded in 1949, 2024 marked TNC Community's 75th year of providing customized services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We have a phenomenal history and every day our amazing team of over 150 staff and volunteers continue to create a legacy of loving care for those we serve.

In just the past five years, TNC Community has expanded to serve 95% more individuals and diversified our services to meet more needs in the community. That included adding homes where we provide around-the-clock residential services for people with high levels of need, and starting Community Connections programming for individuals living on their own with IDD or transitioning to greater independence.

Moving forward...

Thanks to new and expanded county contracts and our Day Program that opened in September, Community Connections will continue to grow and welcome additional individuals to TNC Community throughout the coming year.

I'm truly excited about an innovative partnership we've been working on for some time. We're opening Missouri's first Howdy Homemade Ice Cream in Lee's Summit! This nationwide franchise is on a relentless pursuit to create equitable, inclusive employment for individuals with IDD and we're thrilled to help answer this need in the Kansas City area.

Above all else, our top priority at TNC Community is the health and happiness of the individuals we support.



Howdy Homemade Ice Cream franchise VP Brandt Urban, founder Tom Landis, and Kelly McGillis



2024 Highlights

Celebrated 75 years of service

Expanded to serve more individuals and added services

Opened new Community Connections Day Program

Earned highest level of CARF accreditation

WE'RE OPENING AN ICE CREAM SHOP

Everyone deserves the chance to thrive in the workplace, but opportunities are severely limited for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. TNC Community is taking an innovative approach to meeting these employment needs. Our groundbreaking partnership with the wildly successful Howdy Homemade Ice Cream franchise is creating inclusive, equitable employment options; breaking down barriers; and empowering individuals with skills and confidence to succeed in the workforce.

TNC Community is opening Missouri's first Howdy Homemade Ice Cream at 921 NE Woods Chapel Road in Lee's Summit. We are partnering with the school district to provide career exposure and work-based learning for special education students beginning as early as middle school; and to recruit, train, and hire youth and young adults transitioning out of high school so they can live their dreams of being productive, valued members of the community.



Come see us at Howdy Homemade Ice Cream to enjoy amazing ice cream, served by amazing people! We're also available to cater your next fun event.

**OPENS
SPRING
2025**

FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2023: July 2022 - June 2023

REVENUE
\$9,830,712

EXPENSES
\$9,707,532

A JOURNEY OF SELF DISCOVERY

Born in South Korea and adopted at age 9, Daniel loves exploring his cultural background. He is reaching this goal with activities ranging from attending community events to practicing authentic recipes.



During a recent visit to the Asian gallery at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Daniel was intrigued by an exhibit featuring Sonam Dolma Brauen's sculpture, My Father's Death.

A video shared her thought-provoking story of grief and acceptance.



Daniel was drawn to the interactive display: "How do you honor someone's memory?" Inspired by the artist's vulnerability, he wrote a heartfelt tribute to his late grandmother and added it to the wall. Through art, Daniel found a powerful way to connect to his culture, his emotions, and the shared experiences of others.

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO 75 YEARS OF IMPACT

TNC Community is grateful to all those who helped make 75 years of outstanding service possible—donors, partners, and supporters. At a November celebration, we honored several leaders who have been integral to TNC Community's success:

Champion Awards

Leaders whose work, collaboration, and generosity make our mission a reality

James Landrum
David Ross
Lance and Vicky Sparks

Community Partner Awards

Organizations that collaborate to make a difference in the lives of individuals we serve

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of Clay County
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Legacy Award

Long-term service with a lasting impact on TNC Community's success and sustainability

Doug and Judy Hall



TNC Community CEO Kelly McGillis with Doug and Judy Hall

Our Mission

We champion equity and inclusion for individuals with disabilities, inspiring lives of dignity, belonging, and joy.

ENJOYING ALL KANSAS CITY HAS TO OFFER

At TNC Community, true belonging comes from shared experiences, meaningful relationships, and customized support to help individuals live life to the fullest. For those who live in TNC Community homes—where 100% of individuals have low incomes and severe IDD, plus 75% have complex medical issues—that means overcoming any obstacles to their participation. Our compassionate team prioritizes planning activities that fulfill individuals' goals and interests while meeting their unique needs for transportation, specialized diets, and overall safety.

We celebrated many special moments and opportunities throughout the year. One highlight was TNC Day, a September picnic that brought together staff, supported individuals, and families for a day of fun, food, and friendship. Unforgettable outings included a Kansas City Royals game, Broadway performances at Starlight Theatre, Disney 100 exhibit at Union Station, plus holiday parties, parades, concerts, and more. Our programs empower individuals to engage in their communities, pursue special interests, and create lasting memories.



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Support Services

Residential

Around-the-clock support for individuals with high levels of need in 13 neighborhood homes across Missouri's Kansas City area

Health Team

24/7 care by nurses and care coordinators to ensure individuals' preventative, ongoing, and urgent medical needs are met

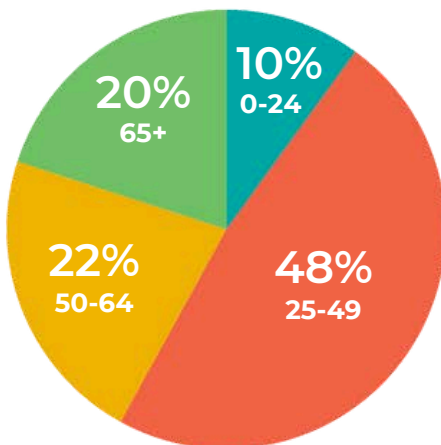
Community Connections

Pursuit of goals related to community networking, skill development, and preparing for, finding, and succeeding in employment

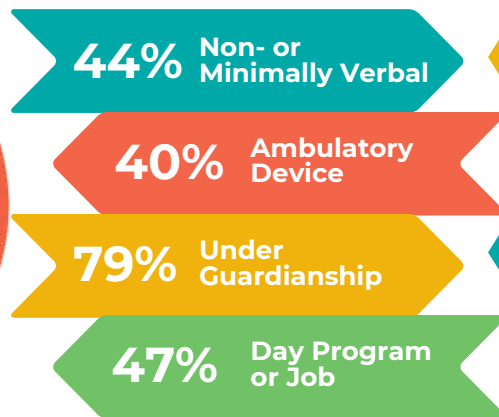
Day Habilitation

Community inclusion experiences focused on social projects in culinary arts, horticulture, and volunteerism

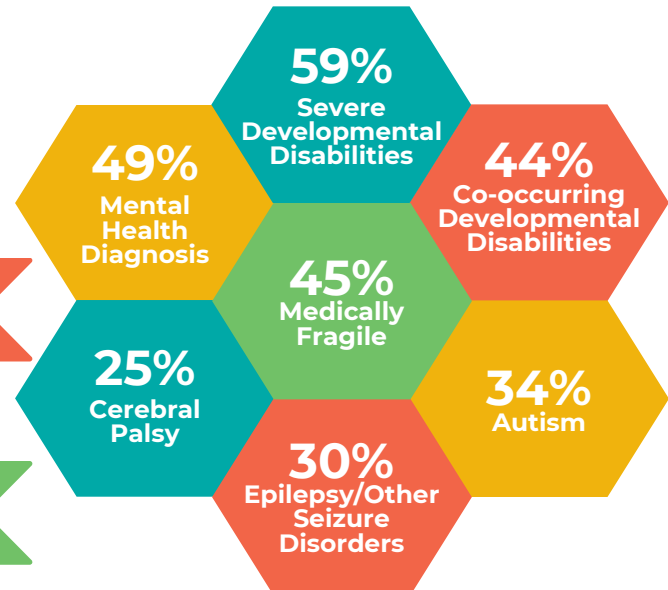
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