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WILS Spring Carnival

WILS Spring Carnival was held at the Elks Lodge in Warrensburg on April 30 and incorporated the recognition of volunteers who donated their services to WILS in the 2012 calendar year. Those recognized included The First United Methodist Church of Warrensburg's Job Squad, who topped the list with a total of 446 hours of service, followed by UCM's Christian Campus House, The First Baptist Church of Warrensburg, Delta Chi Fraternity at UCM, UCM students participating in MLK Day activities, and a host of individuals. Collectively, volunteers donated over 1000 hours to build ramps, help in our offices and assist at our events. To present the awards were Travis Wike, Independent Living Specialist, David Storlie, Director of Program Services, Kay Kocher, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, and Kathy Kay, Executive Director.

A variety of accessible carnival games, an appearance by the Kansas City Zoomobile, a cake walk, and a popular dunk tank were attractions for almost 200 program participants, guests, volunteers and staff at WILS' annual Spring Event. A delicious lunch prepared by Elks Club members was enjoyed by all. Karaoke by Bud Powell and the grand prize drawing ended the event on a high note.

The KC Zoomobile was a highlight of the event and included an appearance by Walter the Wheeled Tortoise, who demonstrates accessibility and Dexter, a lorikeet, who was born with a disability he has been able to overcome with surgery and assistance.

Special thanks for the carnival are extended to Bi Lo Country Mart for their donation of cupcakes for the cakewalk and to Bob Vickers of Artful Askers and The United Way for prize donations and the use of the very popular dunk tank!

WILS provides services to people with disabilities including: advocacy; independent living skills training; peer support; ongoing information and referral services; ramp construction; accessible transportation and assistive technology programs.

With offices in Warrensburg, Sedalia, Lexington and Warsaw, WILS service area covers Benton, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis and Saline counties.

For more information about services or to find out how you can help, call the WILS office nearest you: Warrensburg – (660) 422-7883, Sedalia – (660) 829-1980, Lexington – (660) 259-3060, or Warsaw – (660) 223-0001

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