THE WILS WAY MAIN OFFICE - 612 N. Ridgeview Drive, Warrensburg, MO 64093

FOURTH QUARTER 2017

# **OH WHAT FUN!**

WILS JINGLED and MINGLED all season long with not one, not two, but FIVE holiday parties! We celebrated with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings, a festive photo-booth with a souvenir picture to take home, and of course BINGO! A \$250.00 WalMart gift card was raffled off to one lucky consumer at each party to be used as they choose. We hosted in Warrensburg, Warsaw, Clinton, Sedalia, and Odessa. There were prizes galore and a good time was had by all!



#### **HOLIDAY PARADES**



WILS showed holiday spirit in 3 communities by participating in holiday parades. Lots of fun was had in Marshall, Sedalia, and Warsaw.



24 holiday baskets were delivered filled to the brim with ham, potatoes, eggs, stuffing, cheese, pie, cool whip and sparkling cider to consumers in need!



### **SOMETHING TO SQUAK ABOUT!**



Kiwi is a 22 year old female African Grey Parrot purchased nearly 10 years ago when Kiwi was already twelve. I felt an immediate connection to her and I am so happy that we found each other. Kiwi loves to talk to me and imitate all kinds of noises around her. Some of her favorites are the microwave, the trash truck backing up, the telephone ringing and most of all wolf whistles. She loves to say hello and she loves to say her name. We love spending time together and when I go into her room to visit her she loves to hold my finger. She will take her beak and touch my finger with it and make kissing sounds.

Sometimes I will put my face to the cage and make kissy sounds and she will put her beak where my lips are and make kissy sounds back, LOL. She makes a kiss sound and then she will say kiss afterwards. She loves fresh grapes, bananas, apples, dehydrated papaya, blueberry yogurt covered sunflower seeds and mango yogurt cov-

ered papaya.Kiwi knows my name, my nickname "Jerribear" and she will call my name when it is time to eat. If I start to go to bed and I have forgotten to feed her she will call out my name to remind me. And if someone comes to visit her and



they forget to turn the light out in her room and I am headed to bed then she will say hello. That is to remind me that the light is on so she can go to sleep at night. Kiwi is such a smart bird! I love her so much, she is a great companion and I don't know what I would do without her. - JERRI

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

WILS has an accessible transportation program that offers personable transportation in which WILS transports on a one-on-one basis with door to door service; we transport at the convenience of the rider. WILS Transportation services are a fee based service; fees are based on household annual income. We transport our consumers to medical appointments, shopping, employment, education and social visits. Scheduling is done on a first come, first serve basis so advanced booking is essential.

Feel free to contact Dawn at 660-422-7883 so we can get you started with WILS Transportation.

## PEER SUPPORT CRAFT GROUP SCHEDULE

**Mondays**- Acrylic painting group at the Warrensburg WILS office- 10-12. **First Tuesday of the month**- Craft group at Liberty/Tambo apartments. Liberty-10 am to 11:30 am/Tambo-1 pm to 2:30 pm.)

**Fourth Tuesday of the month**-Craft group at the Sweet Springs Baptist Church. (10:30 am to noon.)

**Fourth Wednesday of the month**- Craft group at the Odessa Senior Center. (12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.)

**Fourth Thursday of the month**- Craft group at the WILS office in Warrensburg. (10 am to 11:30 am)

For more information please contact Sue Kraus, our Outreach and Peer Support Coordinator at 660-422-7883 ext: 112



According to the U.S. Fire Administration, smoke detectors should be tested once a month and batteries should be replaced twice a year.



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# Did you know?

West-Central Independent Living Solutions is a non-profit Center for Independent Living that works to help people with disabilities by offering services and programs to help them achieve and maintain their independence. WILS' five core services are information and referral, independent living skills training, advocacy, peer support and transition. For individuals, WILS offers supportive programs including accessible ramp construction, low cost accessible transportation, Consumer Directed Services, assistive technology, and help to transition from an institution to independent community living. We can also assist eligible participants to obtain adaptive telephone and computer equipment through Missouri's Telecommunications Access Program. In addition, WILS staff can guide businesses and organizations through the process of performing accessibility surveys and implementing transition plans to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.





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