



THE WILS WAY

WEST-CENTRAL INDEPENDENT LIVING SOLUTIONS

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

THIRD QUARTER 2017

WEEKLY PAY NOW AVAILABLE

WILS understands the hardships consumers and attendants are going through due to the Governor's budget cuts. We would like to assist in maintaining your attendants in any way we can. If you feel that you are at risk of losing your attendant due to these cuts we want to give you the option, as the employer, to allow your attendant to get paid weekly. In order to receive this perk, you and your attendant must be attempting to utilize telephony. This option began on September 2nd and we will keep this option available until next year, then re-evaluate at that time.

WILS is still advocating to have these budget cuts overturned. We need you to self-advocate and contact your legislators to let them know your concerns. If you want assistance with this, contact your CDS/ILS specialist and they can give you the information and support you may need.

WILS wants you to know that we are dedicated to our consumers and will do everything in our power to continue providing the best service we can to you. We are excited to be able to offer more parties, events, and giveaways in the near future.

We are always here to assist you with any needs you may have. Do not hesitate to call our WILS offices when you need us.

SECOND ANNUAL RIDERS4WILS

The second annual Riders4Wils Poker Run was held on Saturday October 7. Although Mother Nature did not want to cooperate, it was still a huge success! After a biscuits and gravy breakfast at American Legion Post 131, riders rode to Sedalia then Clinton, Odessa, Warsaw then back to the legion for a barbecue brisket dinner. The proceeds benefit WILS transportation program which provides accesible transportation for individuals with disabilities and the elderly who cannot afford to pay for transportation in Lafayette, Johnson, Henry, Saline, Pettis and Benton counties. Thank you to our sponsors and supporters!



UCM Homecoming Parade



WILS NAMES RHODES AS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS



She lives on a farm with her husband Josh, and twin daughters Finley Morel and Potter Joon, as well as her beloved dog Kemper.

Jessica is super excited to join the WILS team and continuing to advocate for individuals with disabilities and their desire to live independently!

Jessica Rhodes joined the WILS team as Director of Marketing and Communications on August 7, 2017. She earned her BA in Psychology from Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri and her MS in College Student Personnel Administration from The University of Central Missouri.

Jessica worked for the THRIVE program at the University of Central Missouri as Case Manager for the previous six years and as the Executive Director of Warrensburg Main Street the four years prior. She brings to the team an awareness of the role that independent living has in becoming a self-advocate and the importance of bringing awareness to the communities WILS serves. Her time spent in both positions has prepared her to bring attention to WILS and the services they provide.

FIRST HAND FOUNDATION FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION

In regards to receiving information requests concerning children with disabilities; the First Hand Foundation (Cerner Corporation Foundation) accepts funding request applications for assistance on behalf of a child.

Expenses covered:

Treatment: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.

Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.

Displacement: Lodging (only if charitable housing is unavailable), gas (\$0.33 per mile), parking and transportation related to a child's care

Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards

Expenses not covered:

Home modification projects

Alternative or experimental drugs, treatment or therapy where there is controversy in the medical community

Wheelchair-accessible van purchases

Requests for research funding, mass population grants or other not-for-profit organizational grants

Requests for debt reduction/past medical bills

Copays or deductibles

Therapy dogs

Website: <https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding>.

CONSUMER HOLIDAY PARTIES!

December 5th- Warrensburg at the American legion
December 6th- Warsaw at St. Ann's Church
December 7th- Sedalia at Liberty Hall
December 12th- Clinton at the Rotary Building on the Square
December 13th- Odessa at the Community Center

WILS holiday parties will be held in FIVE counties this year! Each consumer is invited to bring a guest and their attendant. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and pie! Accessible bingo with TONS of prizes as well as LIVE entertainment! Get your photo taken with Santa, enter to win one of many great raffle prizes. Consumers that sign up by November 20th will be entered in a special drawing for a \$250.00 Walmart Gift Card per location and the consumer must be present to win. Transportation requests must also be made by November 20th - please RSVP to Dawn at 660-422-7883.

PET PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

1. Bert
2. George
3. Kinky
4. Latia
5. Ranger
6. Lucky
7. Dakota, Tigger, & Riggs
8. Prometheus
9. Kemper
10. Layla
11. Murphy & Vivian
12. Simon



SAVE THE DATE!

We will be watching Dunkirk on November 9th at 1:30 pm in the Elliott Student Union on the University of Central Missouri campus. The Union will be providing FREE popcorn and all other concessions are just a buck!



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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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