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# THE WILS WAY

3rd QUARTER 2021

MAIN OFFICE – 612 N. Ridgeview Drive, Warrensburg, MO

**Thanks to the Americans with Disabilities Act 31st anniversary, there were a lot of cool and sweet reasons to celebrate.**

WILS consumers were channeling the aloha spirit and imagining cool ocean breezes with festive music and sweet treats from Kona Ice. These are just a few of the smiles that we were thankful to see driving through WILS parking lot parties at the offices in Sedalia, Warsaw, and Warrensburg.



Deborah was all smiles at the Warrensburg Party



Raymond, PCA for Judith, at the Sedalia Party



Angelica served Florene and her friend at the Sedalia Party



Tamara and her PCA, Crys, attended the Warsaw Party



Donna J and her friend at the Warrensburg Party



WILS provides options that can make Independent Living a **choice**. WILS encourages participants to take **control** by setting & accomplishing their own personal goals. Learning to make informed decisions allows participants to **change** from unnecessary dependency to full inclusion in community life.



# WILS HOLIDAY Hall of Fame

**THURSDAY DEC 2**  
ST. ANN  
30455 DAM ACCESS RD.  
WARSAW

**TUESDAY DEC 7**  
CELEBRATION CENTER  
1701 W 32ND ST  
SEDALIA

**THURSDAY DEC 9**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
302 S. MAGUIRE  
WARRENSBURG

**Drive-thru: 11am-12pm  
or Sit & Stay: 11am-2pm**

WILS Consumers,  
you & a guest are invited to  
attend the holiday party  
nearest you. Transportation  
may be available if  
requested by November 12.  
Must RSVP to attend by  
November 22 to  
855-945-7929.



# Deb's Desk

## A note from WILS Executive Director

Dear Friends of WILS,

I hope this letter finds you all enjoying the cooler temperatures of the fall season. I am very pleased to announce that preparations are underway to resume in person activities at all three of our locations. We are working out details to keep everyone safe and healthy. It will be wonderful to see your smiling faces again.

Before you know it, snowflakes will be flying and plans are well underway for the WILS holiday parties! We will have options for indoor and parking lot parties as COVID numbers will dictate how we get to celebrate. No matter what, we will find a way to wish you the happiest of holidays!

Construction on our Assistive Technology Demonstration Center is underway in Sedalia.

You will be able to learn more about devices and equipment that will help you to live more independently at the Demo Center. We will soon be holding a grand opening.

I personally want to thank you all for choosing WILS! We know consumers have choices and we feel blessed to have you as part of our "family". As always, reach out if we can assist you in any way as you live your best life independently!



Warmly,

Deb Hobson,  
Executive Director

## Holiday Hall of Fame

### WILS Consumers

You are invited to drive-thru or sit and stay at the holiday party nearest you. Either way, the goodies are the same, so pick the option that works for you.

Drive-thru: 11am-12pm  
or Sit & Stay: 11am-2pm

1. Register & enter to win a door prize
2. Smile for a photo or share your story
3. Grab a holiday activity pack
4. Choose a BINGO bag or stay & play for your prize
5. Pick-up a meal or dine-in

### Party Dates

Warsaw Thursday Dec. 2

Sedalia Tuesday Dec. 7

Warrensburg Thursday Dec. 9

### RSVP

Transportation may be available if requested by November 12. Must RSVP to attend by November 22 to 855-945-7929.

## REFER A FRIEND



Do you love WILS programs and services? Do you have a friend who could benefit from WILS too? Tell them to call 855-945-7929 to get started today!

# TO WILS



**WILS Youth Campers are certified navigators!** WILS youth campers practiced navigating pre-employment with the help of WILS staff and volunteers. Participants spent three days mapping out their course through soft skills, self-care, job searches, resumes, interviews, and more. They packed for success and did an amazing job along the way. No matter where they set their sights, their futures are looking bright!

## Win with WILS

Now more than ever, there are so many amazing benefits of spending time connecting with others.

Have you often thought of joining Peer Support on Zoom but felt hesitant? Take advantage of the opportunity and also get into the drawing for a MO AT Robotic Pet Cat!

Drawing will take place after

the WILS holiday parties, which gives you multiple times to get an entry. Virtually seeing peers and entering a giveaway sounds like two great reasons for us to “see you” on Zoom!

Join WILS and representatives from other surrounding agencies during our monthly lunch and learn event. Meet people from agencies that

could help you in other areas of life and learn something new all in the same spot! If you virtually attend, you will be in the drawing for a \$100 Walmart gift card! Topics being covered will be organizing your health, diabetic care, and disability awareness.

**ROBOTIC PET Giveaway**

**JOIN VIRTUAL PEER SUPPORT**

**EACH EVENT YOU ATTEND = 1 ENTRY TICKET**

MISSOURI ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

**WILS**  
Solutions for Independent Living Since 1997



*You're Invited*

## LUNCH AND LEARN ALL ABOUT IT

### WHAT

Feed your body and your mind with WILS monthly lunch & learn. Each month we'll dive into a new topic and share actionable steps that you can apply in your every day life. Grab a notebook and a fork. We're ready to serve you!

### WHEN

**3RD THURSDAYS 12PM-1PM**

OCT 21 - ORGANIZE YOUR HEALTH

NOV 18 - DIABETIC CARE

DEC 16 - DISABILITY AWARENESS

### HOW

Join us on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6871003450>  
Or call 1-312-626-6799  
with Meeting ID: 687 100 3450

### WHY

Connect, discover, and be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Walmart gift card



# WEST-CENTRAL INDEPENDENT LIVING SOLUTIONS

## SAY Hello!

WILS is a consumer driven, non-residential, 501(c)3 nonprofit resource center that serves people with disabilities in Benton, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline counties.

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"It has helped me to get to my doctor appointments, some that I probably would have missed because I would not have been able to afford it."

"This service lets me get out of the house and the opportunity for interactions and completing needs outside the home."

"Helps me to get my groceries."

**95.6% of those who used WILS accessible transportation services indicated that WILS made a positive change in their life.**

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