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THE WILS WAY

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Habitat for Humanity Partners with WILS

Together they're ramping up independence The WILS Way in Saline county.

Habitat for Humanity partnered with their regional Missouri Center for Independent Living, WILS, to construct a ramp at a local couple's home.

Jim Brown, age 84, and Carroll Brown, age 81, have lived in Marshall since 1969 and like the town and community very much. However, in the last 5 years Carroll has had several health issues that necessitated many trips to the doctor and hospital. She is mostly bed bound which made the steps in and out of their home a serious challenge. Even the ambulance crews had trouble getting a gurney up & down the stairs. Jim says that the ramp is a "Godsend"

because he can get Carroll into the car much easier. He told WILS and Habitat for Humanity how grateful he and Carroll both were for constructing the ramp.

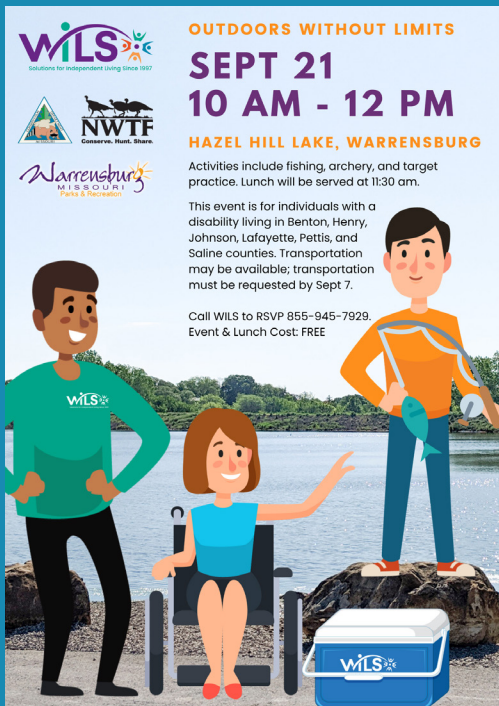
Ronda Wickham, secretary for the Habitat for Humanity of Saline County organization, said, "It is a privilege to partner with WILS to help families when circumstances make special accommodations necessary. Our group has some very talented people who volunteer their time and expertise to help those whose disabilities make it difficult to use stairs."

WILS has a long-standing working relationship with Habitat for Humanity, having

built ramps together since 2008. Working with Habitat for Humanity volunteers is amazing because it allows WILS to get projects completed quickly, while meeting the high quality standards of both organizations.

"WILS is the place people can count on to find out what service options are available to them in their community," says WILS Senior Executive Assistant, Kathy Wyatt.

Funding is made possible through grants, corporate and individual donations, and fundraising activities. For more information, or to donate to WILS ramp program, please visit w-ils.org or contact info@w-ils.org.



Deb's Desk

A note from WILS Executive Director

Dear Friends of WILS,

Greetings to all!

I hope this letter finds you enjoying summer and most of all staying cool during our current heat wave. With warm weather comes some additional challenges for people living with disabilities.

In light of some recent local and regional events, my mind has turned to emergency planning. It is not necessarily a fun topic of conversation, but it is so important to be ready for storms, fires, power outages, etc. You will be hearing more from WILS staff in the days to come about resources and opportunities to assure you have a complete plan in place. Safety is a crucial part of living your best life independently.

Please follow us on social media @THEWILSWAY for updates on all our programs

and events. Also, help us by sharing the good news of what WILS is doing to support the disability movement with friends and family. So many people are not aware of the resources that are out there for support.

Again, I want to personally thank you all for choosing WILS! As always reach out if we can assist you in any way as you live your best life independently!



Warmly,

Deb Hobson,
Executive Director

Upcoming events

Details found at W-ILS.org

Fridays 10am – 12pm: Acrylic Painting at WILS Warrensburg

July 16: Sing 2 movie, 7pm

July 18, 19, & 20: Boredom Books at WILS offices

July 22: A Box of Faith movie, 1pm

July 22: Jungle Book movie, 7pm

July 29: Project Connect at Odessa High School, 9am – 2pm

July 29: Better Together Block Party at JCCHS, 11am – 2pm

Aug 20: Encanto movie, 8:15pm

Healthy Tailgating: Aug 22, 23, & 24 at WILS offices

Sept 4: Labor Day observed, WILS offices closed

Sept 4: Flywheel movie, 6pm

Sept 11: Turning Red movie, 1pm

Outdoors Without Limits: Sept 21, 10am – 12pm, at Hazel Hill Lake



WILS had a great day at the Capitol in April sharing your amazing stories with Representatives Dan Houx, Kurtis Gregory, Brad Pollitt, Terry Thompson, Doug Richey, and Senator Denny Hoskins. Governor Parson's FY2023 budget included an increase in funding for CILs and CDS. Thank you for your advocacy!



Cancer Perks partners with WILS to offer transportation to chemo and radiation patients at Western Missouri Medical Center, Fitzgibbon Hospital, and Bothwell Regional Medical Center. Cancer Perks is an organization of self-proclaimed average, everyday people who want to do anything they can to help people in their communities that are affected by cancer. Learn more at cancerperks.com

Paint in the Park

WILS hosted paint in the park events for peer support consumers this past June. Beautiful landscapes and water scenes were captured on canvas by participants at Hazel Hill Lake in Warrensburg, Drake Harbor in Warsaw, and Clover Dell Park in Sedalia.

Past WILS peer support participants have said, "I love going to the craft workshops WILS provides," and "[it] gives you a chance to get outside and mingle with other people."



Community Care

Sharing is caring and both were in abundant supply at WILS community care events for Pettis and Benton county residents.

Bags of cleaning and hygiene products supplied by Jeremiah 29:11 were shared with attendees in Sedalia at the Celebration Center and at the Harbor Villas in Warsaw at the senior center. Check the W-ILS.org calendar page for future dates and locations in WILS other service areas.



<p>July 16 at 7pm Sing 2</p> <p>Mitch Franklin Park 401 Salem Ave. Knob Noster</p>	<p>July 22 at 1pm A Box of Faith</p> <p>New Life Community Impact Center 2500 E Broadway Blvd. Sedalia</p>	<p>July 22 at 7pm Jungle Book</p> <p>United Methodist 1211 S Business Hwy 13 Lexington</p>
<p>Aug 20 at 8:15pm Encanto</p> <p>Liberty Park 1500 W. 3rd St. Sedalia</p>	<p>Sept 4 at 6pm Flywheel</p> <p>Celebration Center 1701 W 32nd St. Sedalia</p>	<p>Sept 11 at 1pm Turning Red</p> <p>CHS Garlich Activity Center 4415 Main Street Rd. Sedalia</p>

This year is WILS 25th birthday and the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each event will air KMOS' national award winning film, "The Story of Us" as a preview to their movie and will hand out WILS info.

We want to celebrate with you all summer long! W-ILS.org



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