

### Our Vision

TNC Community works to be the region's foremost provider of high-quality services to persons with developmental disabilities by providing individuals the opportunity to achieve their goals in a safe and healthy environment.



## A Message from the Executive Director



With everything that's happening locally and nationally, it reminds me to be thankful for TNC Community. From our staff, Board of Directors, donors to our family members, friends, volunteers and most importantly the individuals TNC supports.

I am thankful for each and everyone of you guys. You give your time, talent and treasure to TNC. Along with your selflessness and compassion, we are all able to carry on the mission that was set forth so long ago by our founders, [Dr. Robert and Mrs. Virginia Bruner](#)- to provide quality care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The 2018 Missouri state budget, signed by Governor Greitens, officially went into effect on July 1, 2017. This budget includes a total of \$250 million in additional funding cuts, from the suggested budget sent by the legislature, which present serious repercussions for Missourians with disabilities and their community providers. This is basically a 3% funding cut for organizations like ours. TNC Community is required to do more with less.

We cannot sacrifice the high level of quality care that TNC is known for and individuals and families are accustomed to receiving. With your continued support we can ensure this 3% cut has 0% impact on individuals receiving services from TNC Community.

Consider making a contribution by volunteering, giving a cash or [Wish List](#) donation or even making a Planned Gift donation to TNC. Just click on the [Donate Now](#) button to see all the ways [YOU CAN HELP](#).

Be sure to check out the info below. We're kicking off our Staff Appreciation Week next Saturday, September 9 at Macken Park for TNC Day. This event is open to individuals, staff, family members and friends. I always have a blast at TNC Day so I hope to see you there!

Also, don't forget to join us for the next Financial Education workshop presented by [Urban Financial Services Coalition \(UFSC\)](#). The next class is on September 19 at our Administrative Office. Because of this awesome partnership with UFSC the program is FREE and open to everyone.

I urge you to take part in all of the fun programs and activities TNC has to offer and get involved with our [Parents, Guardians, Family and Friends \(PGFF\)](#) group. There are a lot of great things happening at TNC. Don't miss out!



## United Way of Greater Kansas City Day of Caring with GSA

Employees with U.S. General Services Administration Heartland Region rolled up their sleeves and got to work raking, painting, mulching, sawing, ripping out, replacing and more for the 2017 Day of Caring.

Thanks to the awesome team at GSA for your help and generosity in sprucing up our Northland group home! It looks amazing!!

[Check out the pics here.](#)



## MarksNelson Volunteer Day

One of our South Kansas City group homes was in need of some updating and regular maintenance. Staff members from MarksNelson LLC came to the rescue!

This summer, TNC was selected as one of eight benefactors of MarksNelson's Volunteer Day as part of their "Marks of Kindness Program."

[Check out the pics here.](#)

## You're Invited to TNC Day on Sept. 9!

TNC Community individuals, staff, family members and friends are invited to attend TNC Day on Saturday, September 9, at Macken Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy food, fun, music and family-friendly entertainment as we celebrate another successful year at TNC Community.

NO COST TO ATTEND! [Click here](#) for more information.



*Support and Care for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities*

## Does Money Matter to You?

**Bank On It!**  
 Financial Education Series  
 hosted by TNC Community & Urban Financial Services Coalition

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**  
 4-5:30 p.m.  
 TNC Community, 12404 E. US 40 Highway, Independence, MO 64055

Invest in your future and join us for this worthwhile program. In this workshop you'll learn about:

- § Checking & savings accounts
- § Credit Unions
- § Protecting your financial information
- § What you should look for in a reliable financial institution and MORE!
- § Benefits of banking vs. check-cashing services
- § Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, & loans
- § Overdraft fees

For questions and to register, please email [development@tnccommunity.com](mailto:development@tnccommunity.com) (registration not required to attend)

a partnership between TNC Community & Urban Financial Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City

Homeownership? Loans? Credit? Budgeting? Retirement? TNC Community and the Urban Financial Services Coalition - Greater Kansas City are here to help by providing **FREE** classes through this highly acclaimed series.

Join us on **Tuesday, September 19, 4-5:30 p.m.** for unrestricted, insightful instruction on topics including banking, saving, impulse buys and more! The best thing is that you will be receiving expert advice from recognized professionals in the financial industry for **FREE! There's no cost to attend. All courses are open to the public.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Down Syndrome Reality Show Wins New Season

by Shaun Heasley  
*Disability Scoop*



After receiving a half-dozen Emmy nominations, new episodes of a reality show following a group of young people with Down syndrome are on the way.

A&E Network said it has renewed "Born This Way" for a fourth season. The show, which centers on seven young adults with Down syndrome and their families, will return with eight new episodes, the network said.

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"Over the past three seasons, 'Born This Way' has been a prime example of quality storytelling that motivates us to celebrate and embrace diversity," said Elaine Frontain Bryant, head of programming for A&E Network. "We are honored to reunite with these incredible young adults and their families as they fearlessly share their accomplishments, struggles and dreams, shifting society's perception about differences along the way."

The renewal comes a month after "Born This Way" was nominated for Emmy Awards for its casting, cinematography and picture editing. In addition, the show was nominated for outstanding unstructured reality program, a category it won last year...

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**September**  
 UMKC Volunteer at TNC Month

**Friday, September 1**

First Friday at 18th & Vine  
4 p.m. Historic 18th & Vine District  
Free

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First Friday in the Crossroads Art District  
Imagine That! Kansas City "How Do You Pattern"  
6-9 p.m. 2010 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64108

**September 1- 4**

45th Annual Santa-Cali-Gon Days Festival  
Noon-11 p.m., Fri.; 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Sat.-Sun.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.  
Independence Square, 112 W Lexington St., Independence, MO 64050

**Monday, September 4**

Labor Day  
TNC Community Administrative Offices Closed

**Saturday, September 9**

TNC Day  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Macken Park (Festival Shelter)  
Free

**Tuesday, September 19**

Urban Financial Services Coalition Financial Education Workshop  
4-5:30 p.m. TNC Community

**Thursday, September 21**

DST Digital Group Day of Giving 2017  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Thursday, September 21**

DDRB Board Meeting  
7-9 p.m. DDRB Office, 1025 Country Club Road, St. Charles, MO 63303

**Wednesday, September 27**

Job Fair  
9 a.m.-Noon Emmanuel Community Center, 3510 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64128

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 13**

TNC Community Fundraiser: Ham-BINGO Charity Night  
Hamburger Mary's 7-8:30 p.m

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