



SPUR TURTLE NEWSLETTER



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Abundant Living For All Foundation

You Did It!

ALFA Oktoberfest sets a record

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Oktoberfest 2023 set a record for funds raised to support Trinity's Programs. The triumvirate of event sponsors, dinner, and auction netted \$21,662, the most ever! Our sincere thanks to all of you who helped in so many different ways.

Special thanks to our attendees who continue to support ALFA's main fund-raiser. Without you, the hard work of the ALFA Team and Trinity Staff who work so hard to prepare for the event would go for naught.

Each year we strive to make the next Oktoberfest better than the last. Many of you commented positively about the addition of pumpkins as decorations, a larger outdoor space for dining and circulating, different games and Oktoberfest-style outdoor seating.

Because of you, we'll be able to fund nearly \$25k of life-enrichments for Trinity clients ranging from bi-weekly music classes and art projects to Carlyle Lake overnights, 6 Flags, Cardinal & Blues games, monthly movie nights and wheel-chair amenities. Clients would have few, if any, of these experiences without you. ALFA will also be able to outfit the pool changing area and fund small projects beyond Trinity's capacity at the residences.

Thank You and . . .
See You Next Year

Ron Hindman
Oktoberfest Chairman

ALFA Foundation is planning and working on events and projects for 2024 and beyond. Help is always needed and help is always welcome. If you're interested in helping the ALFA Board continue to make dreams come true, please contact ALFA President Angie O'Saben (314) 265-8014. Or, email Martha Dowling at alfafoundationinmascoutah@gmail.com



It was great music, food, beer & friends.



Expanded outdoor seating.



The pumpkins game was a smash. Thanks Ed and Beth Hulliung!



Always plenty of wine and beer on tap.



New games and turtle races were a big hit.

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ALFA Oktoberfest Sponsors

Hoist the Stein Party Tent

Channel Seed Diane Drake

ALFA Supporter Loretta Reid

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Premier Ag

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Dan and Margie O'Saben

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Nicole

Haefeli

Carl and Debbie Tempel

Joan Reuter

Thomas Phelps

Debbie Riebling

Dan and Terri O'Saben

Pumpkins - Ed Hulliung

Strudel - Carol Reuter

Cakes - John and Debbie
Davenroy

Music - Shannon Dowling

Pretzels - Karen Hindman

Donors

**The Adams Family
Don and Sharon Koenig
Jim and Eileen Kuehn**

**Betty Waeltz
Muriel Brockmeier
Jacquelynn Adams**

**Belleuille Westside Optomist
Ed & Laura Cockrell
Joe Monks**

A beautiful partnership that blossoms and grows

The arts, recreation, entertainment and learning bring joy to our lives. But there's one group of people for whom opportunities for enrichment are often few or non-existent. State and federal funding provides many services for adults with developmental disabilities and we're grateful for that. But it cannot give people the extras that add spice to life. That's where ALFA and its supporters comes in. Together we bring smiles and happiness and joy to the most deserving and valuable people served by Trinity in Southwest Illinois.

It's more work helping Trinity people have some of the same opportunities we do, but it's abundantly worthwhile. In return, ALFA and its supporters receive heapings of love and gratitude. This beautiful partnership, between Trinity people and ALFA, began 15 years ago and continues to flourish. May it grow and blossom for many years to come. We are so very grateful for your prayers and support. - ALFA Board



ALFA has budgeted the following adventures, entertainments and extras for the year 2024.

- Grants Farm
- Grizzlies Game
- Ferris Wheel
- Botanical Garden Passes
- Edge
- Science Center
- Zoo Passes
- Eckerts/Braeutigams fruit picks
- Drive-In movies experience
- Aquarium trip
- Blues game
- Cardinals Tickets
- Craft Supplies and cameras
- Manicure/Pedicures
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Drag Race @Gateway
- General Entertainment
- Pottery Hollow experience
- Fabulous Fox season pass
- Boat Excursion at Carlyle
- City Museum
- Fox Theatre Handicapped Accessible Seating
- STL City Game
- Sky Zone
- Transportation Museum
- Fairview Heights Rec Center Daily Passes
- Top Golf
- Polar Express
- Monthly Movie Night
- Dining Out
- WWE
- Concert Tickets
- Wild Nights
- Fishing License and Equipment
- River Boat on Mississippi
- Busch Stadium Tour
- Subway Gift Card
- Coffee World Gift Card
- Cat Cafe
- Haircut at Salon
- Fairmont Race Track
- Bowling
- Quarterly Dances and Christmas Dance
- Quarterly CILA Home Improvements
- Ten SD 32 GB card for cameras
- MS Office for farm laptops
- Picnic Tables
- Umbrella Mounts for Wheelchairs
- Ongoing Day program activities - Music, Art, Culinary, Horticulture
- Sound Bar

About ALFA . . .

MISSION: ALFA assists Trinity Services of Southwest IL to provide meaningful opportunities for adults with physical and intellectual disabilities to engage in activities that foster their physical, social and mental well-being using the resources and talents of family members, community supporters, and corporate sponsors.

ALFA is an all volunteer 501c3 organization which coordinates and funds music therapy, horticulture, art therapy, culinary, recreation, entertainment, sports, camping, boating, for adults with physical and intellectual disabilities on an on-going basis.

ALFA also coordinates volunteers to maintain the joint ALFA/Trinity Services Community Supported Agriculture Program which allows Trinity program participants to engage in the planting, harvesting, packaging and delivery of produce to customers in the local area. In addition ALFA identifies and funds capital improvement needs at community integrated living facilities, day program sites and The Abilities ABA division, such as the pool, pool house, hiking trail, pavilions, swing sets, accessible deck, landscaping, appliances and kitchen renovations.

ALFA Board of Directors: Angie O'Saben, President; Ron Hindman, Vice-President; Alice Howe, Secretary; Martha Dowling, Treasurer; Debbie Muskopf-Streif, George Kaigh, Georgia Hillyer

Trinity Services, Inc., founded in 1950, is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization that provides the highest quality person-directed services and supports to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Trinity is guided by a philosophy of servant leadership - placing the needs of others before one's own.

END OF YEAR GIVING

Please consider making an end of the year donation to the Abundant Living For All Foundation (ALFA) in support of abundant lives for adults with disabilities such as autism, Cerebral Palsy and Down’s Syndrome. ALFA has no paid staff or paid fundraisers, and no overhead. All donations benefit the people served by Trinity in Southwest Illinois by providing the means to attend community recreation and entertainment along with improved educational and facilities. ALFA seeks to provide what state funding does not so that adults can flourish and live abundant lives. ALFA is a 501 (c)3 charitable organization. All donations to ALFA are fully tax-deductible. Since 2007, ALFA volunteers have supported the mission of Trinity Services, Inc. in Southwest Illinois -- providing the highest quality services to people with developmental disabilities.



TWO WAYS TO DONATE

DONATE online at alfafoundation.info by using our secure online donate button. Click on donate and indicate your gift choices in the message box.

DONATE by mail by completing the form below and making checks payable to ALFA Foundation, and send to:

ALFA, 973 N 6th St., Mascoutah, IL, 62258.

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Company _____

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Amount Enclosed \$ _____