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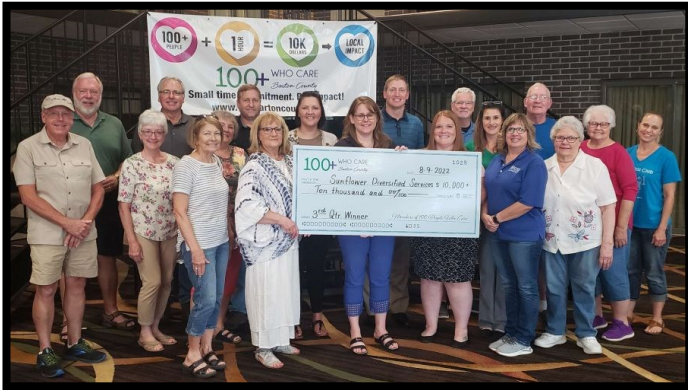
WIN THIS CAR!

***NEW* Trailblazer Activ**

Drawing March 30, 2023



"100 People Who Care" Award



Sunflower Diversified Services is grateful for the \$10,000 donation from 100+ People Who Care.

Everyone at Sunflower and our Early Education Center is overjoyed by the recent \$10,000 donation from the 100+ People Who Care group.

The funds will allow us to purchase commercial-grade playground equipment for the approximately 50 children who enjoy their time outside.

"Playtime is essentially the work of a child," said Shelby Zuniga, Sunflower executive director. "Having up-to-date equipment on our playground will allow our professional staff to interact with toddlers in a safe and fun place.

"Physical and social skills, which are enhanced during playtime, are important aspects of any child's development," she added. "The 100+ People Who Care group has our heartfelt gratitude. We are blessed to be part of this caring community."

As of mid-October, bids were being sought to find the appropriate playground equipment.

100+ People Who Care will meet again at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Best Western Angus Inn Courtyard. Sunflower representatives will share an update on the playground project at that time.

Trailblazer ACTIV Fundraiser

If a new vehicle is on the wish list for next year, local and area residents are encouraged to take a chance on winning a Chevy Trailblazer ACTIV, while simultaneously supporting the children and adults we serve.

SDS Foundation is hosting this fundraiser; while Ehler Chevrolet has generously assisted with securing the vehicle and promoting the endeavor.

Tickets for the drawing are \$25 each or five for \$100. They can be purchased at our Westside Market/UPS Store, 5523 10th; Ehler Chevrolet; or by visiting www.sunflowerdiv.com. Click on the link at the top of the page.

"Our colleague, Amanda Urban, suggested this as a possible fundraiser," said Cody Harris, director of planned giving and community support. "This is a first for Sunflower but we jumped at the idea.

"We appreciate Amanda's initiative and our non-profit agency's Foundation, which has given us its full support."

Proceeds from ticket sales go to the Sunflower Diversified Services Foundation, which purchased the vehicle. The Foundation exists to support Sunflower.

The 2022 Trailblazer ACTIV, which is a subcompact crossover SUV, is valued at \$29,540.

Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. The drawing is set for 6:45 p.m. March 30, 2023, during Sunflower's pancake feed at Prince of Peace Parish Center. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

"The support of this generous community allows us to offer more services to adults, as well as the children at our Early Education Center and Incredible Years Preschool," Cody emphasized. "Tax dollars provide a lot of support but not enough. Our fundraisers help fill the financial gaps for adaptive equipment, medical and dental services, and more."



Tickets to win this Chevy Trailblazer ACTIV through a Sunflower Diversified Services fundraiser are now available.

Executive Director Search Complete

Since Shelby Zuniga realizes that her professional and personal lives are meshing well with one another, she recently accepted the position of Sunflower Diversified Services executive director.

Shelby, a Great Bend native, had served as the interim executive director, while maintaining her chief financial officer duties.

"After nearly three years under my belt at Sunflower, and now that our twins are almost 2 years old, I know I can take on the enormous responsibilities of this position," Shelby said. "Jon Prescott (former executive director) and I worked hand-in-hand on pretty much everything, which has made the transition pain free."

"In addition, Sunflower has an amazing group of next-generation leaders at the helm. All the credit of our success goes to them and the individuals we support. I am blessed to be part of this team effort and excited to see what the future holds."

Shelby and her husband, Juan, are the parents of twin girls, Isabella and Sophia.

Scott Donovan, a member of Sunflower's recruitment committee, said "Shelby has grown into the kind of young leader needed to continue with the positive growth of Sunflower. She has local roots and has grown to love her job of serving people with disabilities."

"Shelby has an incredible business sense too. We are ready to watch her continue to lead and grow."



Shelby Zuniga is the new executive director at Sunflower Diversified Services.

Personal Accomplishments—Tammy

For more than a decade, Tammy Boele has demonstrated what it means to achieve new levels of independence.

Tammy started collaborating with Sunflower's Targeted Case Management and Day Services staff members in mid-2011 and entered into Residential Supports a few years later. The many positive results are obvious every day.

The 50-year-old woman participates in community activities as a member of our Aktion Club and enjoys attending Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas (SACK) events. Tammy also knows her way around a Bingo card and plays the game regularly.

Tammy is employed at our manufacturing plant and is most proud of the house she owns independently in Great Bend. Residential staff members visit Tammy during the evenings, offering whatever support she needs.

She also exhibits her independent lifestyle by patronizing the stores of her choice and attending community events.

Throughout any of her busy days, Tammy is always quick with a joke; she will bring a smile to anyone's face.

Whether on the job, at home or shopping around town, Tammy is living a productive and rewarding life.



Tammy Boele is proud of owning her own home in Great Bend.



Thank You Travis!

**Sunflower would like to
acknowledge
Travis Thompson for his years of
service to our
Board of Directors
February 2009—August 2022**

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**Donations accepted at PO Box 838, Great Bend, KS
Or online at <https://www.sunflowerdiv.com/support-us>**



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with raffle tickets!**

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persons with
disabilities while
giving a gift to
family and
friends!*

**Trailblazer
ACTIV
Raffle Tickets**

Tickets available at:

Westside Market
Ehler Chevrolet
Sunflowerdiv.com



**Proceeds
support
persons
served at
Sunflower
Diversified
Services**



Three raffle tickets are shown, each with fields for Name, Address, Phone, and Ticket #0000. The tickets also feature the Sunflower logo and the text "Do Not Need To Be Filled To Win".

Order online!

It's as easy as scanning the QR code!
OR, go directly to sunflowerdiv.com/shop.

- (1.) Choose the number of raffle tickets
- (2.) Add them to your cart
- (3.) Checkout with either a credit card
or a Paypal account.

**Sunflower will mail you the tickets for your
Christmas morning stockings!**

Home Services Community Careers More [DONATE](#)

"New" Trailblazer Activ
Courtesy of SDS Foundation / Ehler Chevrolet
Raffle License Number: RA1000200
Drawing March 30, 2023 @ 6:45pm
@ SDS Pancake Feed with Chris Cakes
4pm - 7pm, Prince of Peace Parish Center
4100 Broadway, Great Bend, KS
All Proceeds Benefit Sunflower Diversified Services
Get "1" Free

Purchase	One Raffle Ticket	Two Raffle Tickets	Three Raffle Tickets	Four Raffle Tickets
\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

One Chevy Trailblazer Activ Raffle Ticket \$25.00
Two Chevy Trailblazer Activ Raffle Tickets \$50.00
Three Chevy Trailblazer Activ Raffle Tickets \$75.00
Buy 4/Get 1 FREE - Chevy Trailblazer Activ Raffle Ticket \$100.00



Sunflower Diversified Services "Invest In Kids" Club needs your help. 'Grant the Giraffe' knows the "Invest In Kids" Club ensures the future of infants and children with developmental delays.

You may donate annually, quarterly or monthly, whatever works best. All proceeds go to Sunflower Early Education Center and Incredible Years Preschool. The children and their families will be grateful.



Please make a donation today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$ _____ Thank You

Pledge Amounts—SDs can invoice you!

\$1 _____ \$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$25 _____
\$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$150 _____ \$200 _____ Other _____

WHERE:

Great Bend Brit Spaugh Zoo

HOW MUCH:

Early Bird Registration by 10/25/22
5K Race—\$20 Day of Event—\$25
Fun Run Race—\$15 Day of Event—\$20

WHEN:

November 12, 2022
Registration @ 9:30am
5K Race @ 10:30am
Fun Run (1 mile) Race
@ 10:35am

WHY:

Supporting Sunflower
Diversified Services
individuals
with developmental
disabilities & the
Barton County Food
Bank

WHAT:

5K Age Divisions
0-14 15-24
25-34 35-44
45-54 55+
Top three finishers in
each division
receive medals.
**Overall 5K
Male & Female
receive a turkey!**
Fun Run Participants
receive ribbons.

MORE:

Bring two
non-
perishable
food items
to be
entered
into a
drawing for
a Garmin
Watch.



T-shirts
w/early bird
registration.
After 10/25,
while
supplies
last.



TURKEY TROT 5K



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Sign up at sunflowerdiv.com/events

For more information contact Cody Harris @ 620-792-1325.



\$25 TICKETS OR 5 FOR \$100
ONLY 5,000 TICKETS AVAILABLE



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Sunflower Diversified Services Pancake Feed @ 6:45pm

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Tickets available at:

Westside Market

www.sunflowerdiv.com

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THANK YOU!

Sunflower Diversified
Services Foundation, Inc.



Proceeds support persons served at Sunflower Diversified Services

Official rules available upon request or at www.sunflowerdiv.com.

McKinley Phillips Promotion

McKinley Phillips, Great Bend native, has been promoted to director of Sunflower Early Education Center (EEC), overseeing the three special programs at the non-profit entity.

The three programs are:

- Incredible Years Preschool
- Applied Behavior Analysis for children up to age 5 on the autism spectrum
- Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services (formerly tiny-k) for children birth to age 3



McKinley Phillips is the new director of the Sunflower Early Education Center.

"Since Heather Quillin, my predecessor, did a wonderful job training our staff, I was lucky enough to be handed a pretty well-oiled machine," McKinley said.

A couple of the new director's goals are to arrange for staff members to become even more engaged in the communities served by the EEC, and to provide more opportunities to support families.

"This agency and our families have become very special to me," McKinley commented. "Our dedicated staff has the passion to truly help children and families thrive. I have had many opportunities to watch parents' faces light up as their toddlers took their first steps or said their first words. There is nothing that compares, and I am thrilled to continue serving families in this new capacity."

Heather, who has worked with McKinley the past nine years, will continue as a part-time speech pathologist, while supporting her successor through the transition.

"McKinley's passion for the EEC, and the children and families we serve, make her a wonderful fit to take the lead," Heather said. "I am excited for the future of the EEC and grateful to still be part of the team."



SHOP ~ Westside Market

SHIP ~ The UPS Store

Division of Sunflower Diversified Services, Inc.

Personal Accomplishments—Deacon

Deacon, who was diagnosed with Down Syndrome, loves to play with his siblings and parents but was unable to move throughout his home to reach them independently. Additional concerns included his social-communication skills; he was not yet attempting to babble.

The family came to our Early Education Center in October of 2021 when Deacon was 7 months old and began receiving services from McKinley Phillips and the rest of the team. McKinley has a degree in early childhood special education and is now the EEC's director.

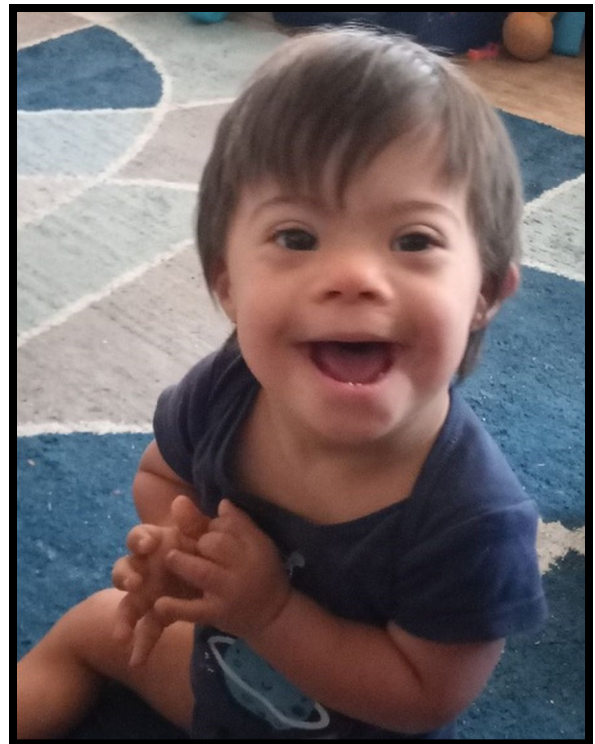
"We have worked with Deacon and his family on exploring his environment independently," McKinley said. "He has started to roll and crawl, and is pulling to stand up and cruising around the house with the help of the furniture."

"Deacon uses a toy walker to find his siblings when he wants to play. In addition, while playing with Deacon's mom, Lacy, we were able to get him to take a few independent steps toward her during a recent home visit."

As Deacon began moving more throughout his home, his communication skills improved. He now labels several family members by their nicknames when he wants their attention.

Deacon also babbles silly sounds when playing with his family and is starting to let them know when he is hungry.

The teamwork between the EEC's professional and compassionate staff and an involved family demonstrates, once again, the importance of early intervention.



Deacon is making great progress with the support of Sunflower staff and his loving family.



Contributions—July 2022 through September 2022

The following individuals and businesses have contributed to the support of Sunflower's programs and special projects. Dollars received by the Foundation are gifted to the Agency to supplement local, state and federal funding.

Our supporters and partners are very important to us, and we appreciate the involvement of each and every one.

If you know of anyone we have missed, or if we need to update our information, please let us know.

Donations accepted at PO Box 838, Great Bend, KS 67530 or online at <https://www.sunflowerdiv.com/support-us> ~ one time gift or monthly gifting option.

Contributions

Henry Burmeister
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Special thanks to the "100 People Who Care" donors and all who have purchased Trailblazer ACTIV raffle tickets!

Employee of the Month Recognition



July Employee of the Month

Gary Griffis—Transportation

Runners Up

Penny Rhodes—CHS

Andrew Rincon—CHS



August Employee of the Month

Andrew Rincon—CHS

Runners Up

Todd Becker—Transportation

Frank Gutierrez—HR



September Employee of the Month

Lisa Sterba—Residential

Runners Up

George Lewis—Transportation

Jayne Clausen—Residential