



December 2016

Happy Holidays!

Winter Wonderland of Fun Party

Sponsored by the Peer Support Groups of Independence, Inc.



Have you been **naughty** or **nice** this year?! Not on the list for a lump of coal from Jolly St. Nick? Well, let's celebrate your good behavior with some hot soup, holiday treats, good friends and a movie.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Date: Monday, December 19th

Time: 4:30 pm—6:30 pm

Where: Independence, Inc., 2001 Haskell Ave.

On the menu: We're making homemade chicken and noodle soup & cookies! Please bring side dish, dessert or non-alcohol beverage of your choice to share.

You MUST RSVP w/ Ranita: by December 16th at 841-0333, ext. 115. You can leave your RSVP on the voicemail.

Holiday Closing!

Independence, Inc. will be closed on December 26th

2001 Haskell Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66046/ 785-841-0333

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Movie Club Special Event



A Charles Kelly Classic Movie Pick for the Holidays!

"A Christmas Story"

Starring the loveable Peter Billingsley

Rated PG

Monday, December 19th at the Winter Wonderland Party

5 pm—6:30 pm

Independence, Inc. Large Conference Room

RSVP with Ranita by Dec. 16th at 785-841-0333, ext. 115

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP

R U CREATIVE?

DO U LIKE 2 MAKE THINGS?

What Do U Like?

PAINTING?!

DRAWING?!

KNITTING?!

JEWELRY?!



Holiday Crafty Fun w/ Ms. Patty!

On a budget for the holidays? Do you love making special gift items?
Come join us for a little holiday crafty fun.

TUESDAY, December 20th

4:30 PM– 6:00 PM

Large Conference Room

Independence, Inc.

RSVP by Dec. 16th with Ranita at 785-841-0333, ext. 115

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY CLUB



Are U feeling a little Grinchy
after the holidays?

Did they forget to include the
gift receipt so you could return the
whatchamacallit...neverwantedit?!

How rude!!

The Grinch's Ultimate Sci-Fi Trivia Night!

Thursday, December 29th

4:30-6:00 pm

Independence, Inc.

2001 Haskell Avenue

RSVP by **Dec. 23rd w/** Ranita

at 841-0333, ext. 115.

You can leave your RSVP on the voicemail.

Test your knowledge about all things
unnecessary...according to your parents...and earn a dorky
door prize from the Grinch!

**The Science Fiction & Fantasy Club is for fans of sci-fi pop
culture, anime, all things science, comic books, & more!**

Volunteer Opportunities!



Volunteer Peer Counselors Wanted

Do you like sharing your personal experiences with others? Interested in getting to know new people? The Volunteer Peer Counseling program of Independence, Inc. offers a great opportunity to connect people with disabilities with their peers.

YOU MUST pass a background check!

Please Note: Volunteer Peer Counselors are NOT “professional counselors.” They are peer mentors.

For more information or to request a
Volunteer Peer Counselor,
contact Ranita at 785-841-0333, ext. 115.



Community Events!



KU Audio-Reader Provides Accessibility for the Arts!

KU Audio-Reader provides audio description of visual elements of a performance or work of art for those with visual, cognitive, learning disabilities and language barriers.

The descriptions include the sets, costumes, action on stage, facial expressions, etc. Audio Description provides everyone the opportunity to enjoy wonderful performances in our community.

Here is a list of upcoming performances using Audio Description:

December Events:

- ♦ Friday, December 9: **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Musical**, Lied Center, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available through the Lied Center box office.
- ♦ Saturday, December 10: **Peter Pan**, Theatre Lawrence, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Theatre Lawrence box office.
- ♦ Sunday, December 11: **Peter Pan**, Theatre Lawrence, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Theatre Lawrence box office.

For more information about Audio-Reader programs or to volunteer, call 785-864-4604.

Community Giving

Hope for the Holidays

Holiday cheer is in the air.
Share yours with youth from foster care!

How would you celebrate and where would you go for the holidays if you grew up in foster care and were not adopted? Help us provide gifts for our often-forgotten young people this Christmas.

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) works with more than 600 youth from foster care, ages 18-23, to ensure they have the support they need to become self-reliant, productive adults. Many of these youth go without traditional holiday celebrations and gifts from loved ones. It is DCF's goal to remind youth from foster care that they are not alone. And they have a whole community of supporters.

Here's how you can help:

Sponsor a wish list. We are requesting wrapped gifts for our youth who are less connected or have children of their own.

Provide a \$100 Walmart gift card. For our remaining youth, we are requesting gift cards. Youth are then able to purchase items that are specific to their needs.

Wrapped gifts and gift cards will be accepted until Dec.10. Gifts, along with a personal note to each youth, can be dropped off at any DCF service center. Gift cards can be mailed to:

Tracy Crockett
Kansas Department for Children and Families
555 S Kansas Ave., 1st Floor
Topeka, KS 66603

For more information or to become a sponsor, please call Tracy at 785-296-6846, or email her at dcf.H4H@ks.gov.

You can make a difference!

