



### Note from the Director

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Welcome to our November newsletter.

We started publishing it so our friends could learn more about the Center and its services, and about events and activities that may be of interest. We've been pleased with the result. We hope you are, too.

We're interested in your feedback. If you have thoughts/questions/comments about the content, or would like to make a suggestion about future content, please let us know. Please call, send us a note on social media or via email, or tell us when you're in the office.

We're listening.

### Gratitude Challenge

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The WILL Center is now well into its 21<sup>st</sup> year of service to the Wabash Valley. Our Organization has been very grateful for the out pouring of support among our countless consumers both past and present. We want to thank the collaborative efforts made possible by numerous Community Organizations and community partners. We would also like to thank our Board Members, consumers, and generous donors.

We invite and encourage you to share your voice with us. What is something that you would like to express gratitude for? How has our organization helped you? Please feel free to give us a call at (812)298-9455 you can also share your comments via social media on Facebook or Twitter. You are welcome to also send emails to [info@thewillcenter.org](mailto:info@thewillcenter.org). Please make sure the subject of your email is Gratitude Challenge.

We will also accept mailed letters and cards at:

The Will Center –Gratitude Challenge

1 Dreiser Square

Terre Haute, IN 47807.

## Energy Assistance

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As everyone knows, it's winter – time to make sure you are getting the most for your energy dollars. If you hold a candle near the doors and windows the flame will flicker if air is going out. If air is going out so is your heat. If the heat is going out then the cold air is coming in your home.

There are some simple ways to help with these problems. An old bath towel which rolled up, held with rubber bands on the ends and placed at the bottom of the door will help. This is especially helpful with older homes. There are inexpensive kits you can buy to place over your windows. You might look in to the Weatherization Program.

The WILL Center will be glad to help you with an Energy Assistance Application. The applications are still being accepted thru the WICCA office.

If you have questions call 812-298-9455 x207. Stay Warm!

## Low Vision Program- Rebranding

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The WILL Center has received a grant to provide persons north of 54 with low vision resources. The program is called L.I.V.E. (Living Independently with Low Vision to Empower). There is no cost to persons who live in Western Indiana and feel their vision hampers daily independence.



This program is funded by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and donations from families who have previously received help from the LIVE staff.

The center staff would like to talk with you via the phone and gather some information about your sensory challenges. We may have suggestions for resources to assist your daily quest to stay in your own living environment. As part of the program the LIVE staff has researched various aids to help with tasks such as; cooking, other household tasks, large print resources, magnification aids, and talking clocks. The center has a network of peer persons and monthly gatherings with others who have experienced vision loss. There are limited funds to provide some of the items you feel may stabilize or enhance your independence.

The LIVE staff receives referrals from eye doctors, family members and other social agencies and programs. Should you wish to support the center with a donation for this program or our program being funding for persons under 55 whom have very limited knowledge of resources

and moneys to purchase tools for meeting their visual challenges. You can visit [thewillcenter.org](http://thewillcenter.org) and click on the donation link on our home page. Should you wish to receive more information please give us a call at the WILL Center 812.298.9455 or donate to our paypal at: <https://thewillcenter.org/donate/>

## **Ramps for Freedom Program**

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Hi Everyone,

My name is William Caldero, the Ramps for Freedom Program Coordinator at The WILL Center. As the season ends, I want to let everyone know that “we are no longer accepting” new applications for wheelchair ramps. The staff will post a notice when we start taking ramp applications for next year. Sorry for the inconvenience.

I also want to say “THANK YOU!” to our lead builders, volunteers and all those who donated to our program this year. Due to their generosity, we were able to help 20 families gain better access to their community. This amazing year not only helped me grow, it also helped our program to get back to where it was prior to the pandemic. Another huge “thank you” goes out to our local businesses for supporting our wonderful program and community. Thanks to them sponsoring our program, we were able to raise money to buy t-shirts for our volunteers. These t-shirts are our way of saying “thank you” for all their hard work!

Best,

William Caldero

## **Medicare Notice- SHIP**

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Do not miss out on Open Enrollment options that Medicare recipients need to be aware of. If you wish change your current plan or are new to Medicare, now is the time to make those changes. Open enrollment is from October 15<sup>th</sup>- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Make sure to keep your red, white, and blue Medicare card in a safe place. You will need it that to make any changes to your Medicare plan and to show to as proof of insurance.