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Panhandle Independent Living Center

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Disability Awareness – Local Amarillo company and organizations come together for a great cause

Panhandle Independent Living Center recently participated in Panhandle Community Services' Festival of Trees; PILC decorated a beautiful white Christmas tree with very unique ornaments. Velma Pacheco, one of Panhandle Independent Living Center's Consumer Coordinators, was approached by PCS to participate in this year's Festival of Trees. Velma took the opportunity and incorporated the idea into her consumer craft class curriculum. Each consumer, all of whom have a disability or a range of disabilities, uniquely crafted ornaments for the tree. Once complete, the tree was adorned with Disability Awareness Ribbons and all of the ornaments made by the consumers; it is a very sentimental tree that represents a wonderful cause.

November 17th was the night of the Tree Auction. Amarillo Patrons, business owners, vendors and supporters of PCS gathered for a wonderful evening. The evening was full of fine food, Christmas music, and entertainment. The Tree Auction, as always, was huge success for Panhandle Community Services. The Panhandle Independent Living Center's Disability Awareness Tree was bid on by Dr. Mike Vennell, DC; owner and Chiropractic physician at Spine and Sports Wellness Clinic. Now the proud owner of many beautiful trees, Dr. Vennell decided to donate the Disability Awareness Tree back to Panhandle Independent Living Center, where the tree now is warming the office and the hearts of the consumers who made the tree.

Wednesday, December 14th 2016, Panhandle Independent Living Center will be having its annual Christmas Party. PILC has decided to give the tree to one of its consumers via a random name drawing. Dr. Mike Vennell will be the Guest of Honor and will draw the name of the one lucky consumer who will get to take the Disability Awareness tree home! It's amazing how one Christmas Tree, one generous Doctor and two outstanding nonprofit organizations have been able to impact so many people this Christmas season!

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