

# The Informer

DRTC

Ability at Work

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## Zoo Enclave

The seasonal enclave at the Oklahoma City Zoo has returned! Individuals will be directing visitors through the Safari Lights November 11 through January 1. This is an evening enclave from 4:00pm - 10:00pm, Monday - Wednesday. Please let your case manager know if you are interested and able to work these hours. DRTC will provide coats, gloves, and hats for the colder evenings.



Jerry at Safari Lights



Charles, Katie, and James at Safari Lights

## Winter Dress



Stephen wearing a winter coat

As the temperatures begin to drop, don't forget to watch or listen to your local news station so you know when you need to bundle up in your winter weather gear such as a winter coat, scarf, gloves and hat or beanie. Winter weather can not only be bone chilling cold but can also be dangerous when there is ice on the ground. Make sure you have shoes with good tread on the bottom to prevent you from slipping.

## Staff Appreciation Tree



As we enter the holiday season, we are thankful to have the opportunity to serve our community and families like you. DRTC has always appreciated the donations for the Staff Appreciation Tree, however this year we have decided not to continue this tradition. If you would like to still write a note of thanks or appreciation, please feel free to do so and we will share those with staff across the agency. From all of us at DRTC, we hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

## Winter Holiday Party



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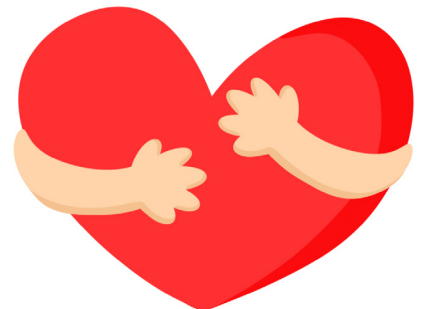


Staff

Mark your calendars! Our annual Winter Holiday Party is scheduled to be at The Cube on December 20. Please be on the lookout for informational fliers with more details as we get closer to the event.

## Holiday Help

We are coming into the holiday season. It can be a difficult time of year. If you need any kind of assistance, please let your case manager know so we can come alongside you and help you find the resources to help.



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## Social Security Administration

SSA.gov is a great resource for everything related to social security.

Establishing a mySocial Security account online allows you to accomplish or track many common activities.

You can:

- Request a replacement Social Security card if you meet certain requirements;
- Check the status of an application or appeal.

Review your Social Security Statement:

- Estimates of your future retirement, disability, and survivors benefits;
- Your earnings once a year to verify the amounts posted are correct; and
- The estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid.

Get a benefit verification letter stating that:

- Includes your current benefits
- You never received Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicare; or
- You received benefits in the past, but do not currently receive them. (The letter will include the date your benefits stopped and how much you received that year.); or
- You applied for benefits but haven't received an answer yet.

If you receive benefits (SSI, survivors, etc.) or have Medicare, you can also:

- Check your benefit and payment information and your earnings record;
- Change your address and phone number;
- Start or change direct deposit of your benefit payment;
- Get a replacement Medicare card; and
- Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

Customers can still check the status of their benefit applications by phone, by calling 1-800-772-1213, and providing the confirmation number received when a claim was filed.

For more information about how to open an account, visit: [socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](https://socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). For questions, email Social Security at [oea.net.post@ssa.gov](mailto:oea.net.post@ssa.gov).



# Fall Festival

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the Fall Festival celebration! We had a blast!!



Nicole, Bryce, and Wade



James, Brittanie, and Deborah



United Way Steering Committee



Brenda throwing a frisbee



Cake Walk



Michelle, Haleigh, Nicole and Shyla

## DRTC Academy Celebration

Four more clients completed the DRTC Academy and received a stipend and certificate. We are so proud of these individuals! The next group is starting soon!



Thomas and Sue



Sue and Brad



Sue and Jessica



Rachel with DRTC Academy certificate

**In-House Programs closures. Let your case manager know what dates you will be missing during the holiday season!**

**November 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December 24-25 Christmas Holiday**

**January 1, 2025 New Years Day**

**Thank you !**