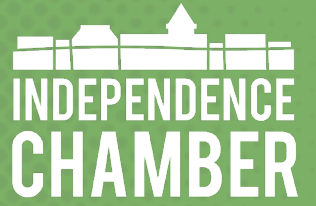


The Chamber

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Oct/Nov/Dec 2023



*Jeff Houghton*

**Chamber Night Live Guest Host**

**Annual Chamber Banquet & Awards**

**February 2024**

# Regional & Community Leader Members



The Independence Chamber of Commerce is grateful for our Regional & Community Leader Members!

We appreciate their ongoing support allowing us to offer programs and events that help our city and members grow and prosper.

## Regional Leader



## Community Leaders



# 75<sup>th</sup> Annual HALLOWEEN

# PARADE

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# Calendar of Events

## OCT

### OCTOBER 9

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

### OCTOBER 10

**AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd

### OCTOBER 11

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

### OCTOBER 13

**AMBASSADORS INFORMATIONAL**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd.



Join current ambassadors for an informational meeting as they will share more about the program and answer questions. The meeting will also discuss how serving as a Chamber Ambassador will make a difference for you, the community, and support local businesses and services.

### OCTOBER 16

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

#### PLEASE NOTE:

*Event dates and details are subject to change without notice.*

*Please check the Chamber calendar for the most current event details.*

### OCTOBER 18

**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity  
Hiram Young School  
501 N Dodgion Ave



Charline Gray  
The Cleaning  
Crew KC



Karen Downey  
Downey Construction



Michele Shanahan  
Demoss  
Under the Awning  
Boutique, Donut  
NV, & Blair's Foster  
Socks

Get ready to be inspired and empowered at the October Membership Luncheon! Our 'Women in Business' Panel brings together three dynamic and visionary female business owners who will share their insights, stories, and strategies for success.

#### PRESENTING SPONSOR



### OCTOBER 24

**SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd



### OCTOBER 25

**IEDP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
8:00 AM-9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

### OCTOBER 27

**RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING**  
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Cargo Largo  
3232 S. Noland Rd



### OCTOBER 28

**75TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE**  
10:00 AM  
Historic Independence SCARE (Square)  
116 W. Lexington



#### PRESENTING SPONSOR



## NOV

### NOVEMBER 2

**PROGRESSIVE PARTY-PEACE, LOVE, GRUB-CHAMBER POWER**  
4:30 PM-6:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce

Join us for the 10th Annual Progressive Party where you progress through every room in the Chamber offices to find enticing food, drink and games from awesome chamber businesses. The vibe this year is Peace, Love, Grub-Chamber Power. A kind of sock it to me 60's throw back when life was groovy and music ruled. Don't be too cool to where the threads and embrace your inner hippie.

### NOVEMBER 3

**FOODIE FRIDAY**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Whataburger  
18811 E US 40 Hwy



### NOVEMBER 7

**IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Online Via Zoom

## NOVEMBER 8

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & RETREAT**  
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Drumm Farm  
3210 S. Lee's Summit Rd.

## NOVEMBER 13

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

## NOVEMBER 14

**AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd.

## NOVEMBER 15

**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Stoney Creek Hotel  
18011 Bass Pro Dr

Development in Independence is getting exciting. With the demolition of the old K-Mart building, Fashion Square out for a redevelopment bid, 2 new proposed apartment projects and of course NorthPoint finishing up the build of their first 2 284,000+ square foot buildings there is a lot to hear about. Join us for a panel discussion on industrial, office and retail development in Independence. Industry experts will update you on current plans and see a new fly over video on recent projects

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring this event, please contact anyone at the Chamber by email at: [info@iChamber.biz](mailto:info@iChamber.biz) or call (816) 252-4745

## NOVEMBER 20

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

## NOVEMBER 25

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Independence Square



## NOVEMBER 28

**SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd



# DEC

## DECEMBER 1

**L.E.A.D. ALUMNI HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Carrabba's Italian Grill  
19900 E Valley View Pkwy



**LEAD Alum!** You're invited to join us for some holiday cheer at the L.E.A.D. Alumni Holiday luncheon. Join us for fun, fellowship and prizes! Plus, meet the 2023-2024 class.

## DECEMBER 5

**IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Online Via Zoom

## DECEMBER 6

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

## DECEMBER 7

**HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**  
4:30 PM-6:30 PM  
Vaile Mansion  
1500 N Liberty Street

## DECEMBER 11

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
& Online Via Zoom

## DECEMBER 12

**AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W Truman Rd.

## DECEMBER 12

**YIPs ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS TOURNAMENT AND NETWORKING EVENT**  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
3 Trails Brewery



## DECEMBER 13

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Online via Zoom

## DECEMBER 13

**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
The City House  
14300 E Us Highway 40

Be sure to make plans to join us for some holiday cheer at the December Holiday Membership Luncheon.

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## DECEMBER 18

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

Help us to plan accordingly by registering for these events online:  
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**SCAN CODE BELOW TO VIEW THE CHAMBER'S CALENDAR**



# Ribbon Cuttings



**August 11, 2023**

**CakeRef Custom Bakery  
(Inside EPIC Center KC)  
19310 E 50th Terrace  
Independence, MO 64055**



**August 15, 2023**

**GVC Chiropractic of Independence  
LLC  
16920 E US Hwy 24 Suite B  
Independence, MO 64056**



**September 15, 2023**

**paraMi  
10707 E Winner Road Unit 240  
Independence, MO 64052**



**September 20, 2023**

**Summit Pizza  
3010 S State Route 291  
Independence, MO 64057**



We would be delighted to help your business celebrate with a grand opening, new management, new location, or a remodel or expansion at your present location with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Please contact Paula McKinney at [paula@ichamber.biz](mailto:paula@ichamber.biz) to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony or scan the QR code to apply online.

# CHAMBER NIGHT Live

**EXPERIENCE THE CHAMBER BANQUET LIKE NEVER BEFORE!**

Join us for Chamber Night Live - where laughter, music, and camaraderie collide!

Featuring  
**JEFF HOUGHTON AS GUEST HOST**



Introducing



**BRACE YOURSELF FOR A NIGHT FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND ENTERTAINMENT AS JEFF HOUGHTON TAKES THE STAGE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT.**

Save the Date

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 3, 2024  
5:30-9:30 PM  
HILTON GARDEN INN**



Presented by:  
**xfinity**



## *In the Books!*

It was a hot one, but the SantaCaliGon Days Festival is officially in the books, and we couldn't be more grateful for the incredible support from our amazing community!!

**A BIG THANK YOU** from the Independence Chamber of Commerce to each and every one of you who came out to the festival, braving the heat to support the fantastic SantaCaliGon vendors, Square merchants, and talented performers. Your presence and enthusiasm made this weekend unforgettable, and we hope you made some incredible memories along the way.

Our gratitude doesn't stop there! We have to give a **HUGE** shoutout to our sponsors and volunteers. Your unwavering dedication, countless hours of hard work, and commitment to making the SantaCaliGon Days Festival a resounding success year after year are truly awe-inspiring. You're the heart-beat of this event, and we couldn't do it without you.

Your generous support has helped us keep this long-standing community tradition alive and thriving. We couldn't have asked for better partners in our mission to celebrate our history, culture, and the spirit of togetherness.

As we wrap up this year's festivities, we're already looking forward to next year's celebration, where we'll mark a remarkable milestone – #52! So, save the date, (Labor Day Weekend 2024 - August 30-Sept. 2nd) help spread the word, and get ready for another incredible year of fun, friendship, and unforgettable moments.

Once again, THANK YOU, sponsors, volunteers, vendors and all of you who make the SantaCaliGon Days Festival the incredible event it is. Here's to many more years of cherished memories and community spirit!



**Save the Date**  
**Labor Day Weekend**  
**2024**

# THANK YOU

## — 2023 SANTACALIGON SPONSORS —



# Member Spotlight



*Lynne Baker*  
Business to  
Education Connector

## Meet Laurie Carpenter! Authentic Life Clinical Counseling & Wellness

Water running down her face, sitting on a small makeshift stool, waiting for the next person to hit the bullseye, throwing Laurie Carpenter into the water, is a dream come true for her. Laurie is the owner and therapist of Authentic Life Clinical Counseling & Wellness. When she hits the water, she is making money for her Non-profit organization!

Laurie grew up in Independence, experiencing life struggles as she attended Bridger Middle School and William Chrisman High School. She knew she was not moving in the direction she desired, but was unsure about the steps needed to get away from the issues impacting her.

Her defining moment came in a subtle tugging by God on her heart, as she listened to His call, finding her purpose. She began attending Maple Woods, where she graduated as a recipient of the Trustee Transfer Scholarship, which recognized her as the non-traditional student of the year.

She credits the assistance of others, school counselors and social workers, as directing her desire to help others, just as she had been helped. After receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work, she began to work, gaining experience. She was a therapist at Lakewood Counseling Services, which was operating under the umbrella of the University Health Care System, in the drug addiction recovery program. She also was the Team Lead for the Comprehensive Mental Health Center's Residential Care Facility for SPMI (Severe and persistent Mental illness). Laurie gained additional experience as the Lead Therapist for the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) with Signature Psychiatric Hospital in the Northland.

Returning to her hometown of Independence, she wanted to start a home-based mental health practice in her home, using telehealth, which proved to be a "brilliant" move. When Covid became a reality and proved to be an excellent venue during that time, meeting the needs of her clients, in a different modality. Her business continued to grow, adding therapists and interns. During the December, 2021 Living Windows presentation on the Independence Square, she found an open space and began to seriously consider moving to a "bricks and mortar" location. After opening her business, she and her staff noticed a lot of people were calling for services, however, were unable to afford them.



# Member Spotlight Continued...

Again, Laurie began to tackle the issue of unaffordable mental health care! She attempted to find other organizations who would contribute to the funding of her non-profit, funding for mental health services. She found Diana Marshall, from her non-profit: Someone That Cares (S1TC). Diana, was working with the River of Refuge, a transitional living program for families, at that time. Together with other community minded friends, they started, The Authentic Life Foundatio. Diana and Laurie began to search for other organizations, who were interested in helping folks with mental health issues, in our community. She then found Life Church, East Kansas City, who granted Laurie's non-profit a small grant. By the beginning of January, 2023, the non-profit had been formed and recognized by the Federal Government as a 501(C)3.



The foundational philosophy of Authentic Life Clinical Counseling & Wellness is: "All human beings have strengths. With the help of a therapist, the client can define and use those strengths to overcome the obstacles which are challenging them from living the life they desire." Laurie's personal mission is to help continue and grow the number of professional helpers who serve the needs of others. Laurie is hopeful that the partnerships will continue, allowing those who could benefit from counseling services needed to live a healthier, more productive life. The Dunking tank at the SantiaCaliGon Festival was done for the benefit of The Authentic Life Foundation, as well as getting the word to the community that Authentic Life Clinical Counseling & Wellness was open

Laurie and her fellow therapists serve a broad variety of patient needs. Anxiety, Depression, Substance Abuse, Trauma, Suicidal Ideation, ADHD, Autism, and Crisis Counseling, as well as receiving referrals from Mental Health Hospitals provide the core client base for their clinic. She is happily married, parented two now-grown children and is providing care for her father, who currently lives with her and her husband. Laurie told me: "There was a moment I realized that my traumatic childhood had damaged me and I needed to break the cycle of generational trauma. Everyone deserves hope!"

Learn more about Authentic Life Clinical Counseling & Wellness by visiting their website:  
[au-thenticlife.com](http://au-thenticlife.com)

# Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

## 1-4 Years - October-December 2023

Affordable Home Foundation Inc.  
Allen Garner  
Asphaltic Surfaces  
Austyn Anderson Summit Funding  
Auto Beauty Center  
Belle Nail Studio  
Bossladys Famous Shrimp  
CakeRef Custom Bakery  
Cardinal Points Construction, Inc.  
Carrick on Argo  
Central Bank - Noland Rd  
City Credit Union  
Community Access  
Control Printing Group, Inc  
Crown Staffing  
Curis Functional Health of Independence  
Dakota Worrell  
Dental Depot  
Design Mechanical  
DLR Architect Group  
Doug Goodwin  
Edward Jones, Andrea McMillin  
Edward Jones, Michael Rowe  
Elite Services & Repairs, LLC  
Englewood Arts  
Exploring Minds Academy  
Express Employment Professionals  
Family Investment Center  
FedEx Ground  
Fine Cut Concrete Drilling & Sawing LLC  
Focused Forensic Solutions, LLC  
GLMV Architecture  
GOCHEW Burger & Sandwich  
Habitat For Humanity ReStore  
Heartland Auto Glass  
Hirst Vox- Voice Productions  
Holy Rosary Credit Union  
I Noah Guy Home Improvements  
JMH Pest Management LLC  
KC Floorworx  
Krete Construction

L R Case-Harmon & Co CPA, LLC  
LandRock  
Local Investment Commission (LINC)  
Marie A Hudson Farmers Insurance Agency  
Martin Underground  
McBee's Coffee N Carwash 24 Hwy  
Metro Ford  
Mobility First Inc.  
Mum's Here  
Nature Med  
North Point Boiler & Combustion  
Omega Door  
Park University  
Phillips Paving  
POAH Preservation of Affordable Housing  
Pollard Orf and Associates  
Preferred Asphalt & Concrete  
Quicksilver  
Red Equipment LLC  
Regents Flooring  
RG Capital Partners, LLC  
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Royal Lawn Service  
Salvus TG  
SBD Housing Solutions  
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Small Biz Social  
Songow Consulting, LLC  
Spectrum Paint  
St. Mark's United Methodist  
Stella's Clean Vines, Clean-Crafted Wine (TM)  
Summit Pizza  
The Horn Law Firm, P.C.  
The Law Office of Daniel S Hobart  
Thrift World  
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United Way of Greater Kansas City  
Worlds of Fun  
Xact Tax Services LLC

## 5-14 Years - October-December 2023

All Star Pictures  
Allis Chalmers Industrial Park  
Blair's Foster Socks  
Charlie's Car Wash  
Community Blood Center  
Courthouse Exchange Restaurant & Lounge  
Edward Jones, Adam Kliethermes  
Edward Jones, Chris Thiele  
El Pico Mexican Restaurant  
Englewood Business Association  
First Federal Bank of Kansas City  
Hap Graff  
Highway 7 Chiropractic  
Hope House  
Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 23rd St  
I360 Insurance, LLC  
Independence Family Eye Care  
Jim Carter Truck Parts  
Kansas City Comets  
Kansas City Mavericks Pro Hockey  
Kelly Freeland  
Kim Connects KC Home Team  
KJ Remodeling LLC  
Lotus Key Homes LLC  
Main Event Entertainment  
Main Street Coffee House  
Mauer Law Firm  
Mother's Refuge  
MVP Awards and Engraving  
My Place Hotel  
New Diamond Bowl  
Newmark Grubb Zimmer  
Phoenix Home Care & Hospice  
RE/MAX Elite, REALTORS - T. David Rogers  
Servpro of Lee's Summit, Raytown, East Kansas City  
Smoothie King- Bolger Rd.  
Speaks Chapels LLC- Suburban Chapel  
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School  
State Farm Insurance, Chad Mitchell  
Synago LLC  
The Arc of the Ozarks  
Twin Peaks  
University Health Community Care Fairmount  
UpDog  
Wild About Harry Men's Accessories & Furnishings

## 15-24 Years - October-December 2023

AAA Disposal Service  
BeHereNow  
BerganKDV  
Cafe Verona  
Children's Mercy  
Clinton's Soda Fountain  
Gilbert Whitney & Co  
Hereford House Restaurant  
Hilburn Trucking Inc.

Independence School District Foundation  
Independence Square Association  
Kansas City Public Library -Trails West Branch  
Ophelia's Restaurant & Inn  
Rand Construction Co.  
Square Pizza  
State Farm Insurance, Stacey Schell Newland  
Studio on Main

*Cheers for  
Success to all!*

**25-39 Years - October-December 2023**

1st MidAmerica Credit Union  
Auto Color & Equipment Inc.  
Balanced Body Chiropractic Center PC  
Bank of Grain Valley  
Cargo Largo  
Columbia College  
Downey Construction Inc.  
Fort Osage R-I School District  
Gallagher Insurance & Risk Management  
Glenn's Tire & Automotive Inc  
Greg's Lock & Key Service Inc.  
Harry S. Truman Library & Museum  
Independence Housing Authority  
Independence Womens Clinic  
Junior Service League of Independence  
McDaniel Furnace & Sheet Metal Inc.  
Midwest Machine Co. Inc.  
Recognition Plus  
Red Carpet Service  
Rotary Club of Independence  
Silverstein Eye Centers PC  
Smokehouse Barbecue  
The Fountains at Greenbriar  
V's Italiano Ristorante

**40 Plus Years - October-December 2023**

Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co  
Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.  
L & C Meat Inc.  
Ted's Trash Service Inc.  
The Groves  
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FOR YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR  
ENGAGEMENT AND MOST OF  
ALL YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
THE INDEPENDENCE  
COMMUNITY!**

**WITH MEMBERS LIKE YOU,  
WE CAN MAKE A POSITIVE  
IMPACT WITH MANY  
BUSINESS INITIATIVES.**



**July-September 2023**

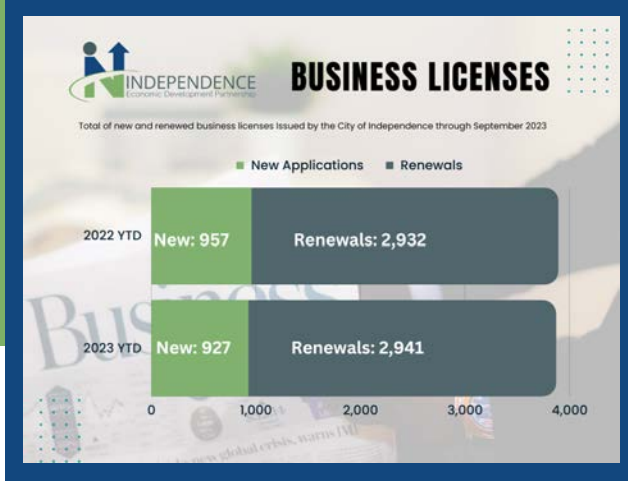
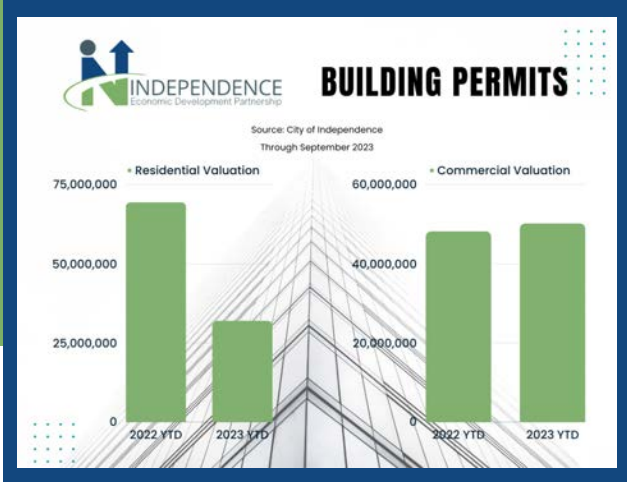
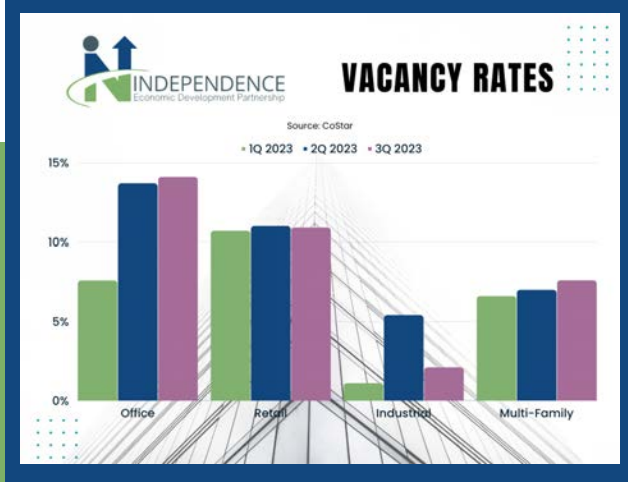
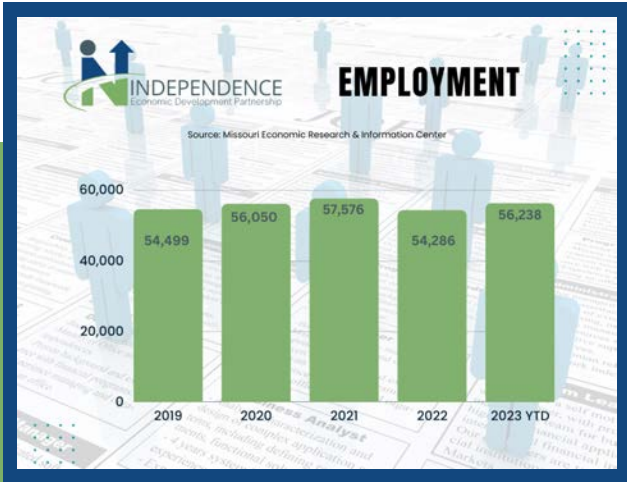
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GI Junk Removal  
InReach Physical Therapy  
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Nichole's Neighbors  
paraMi LLC  
Tammi Sue's, LLC  
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The Mystery Hour**

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**GVC Chiropractic of Independence**



**paraMi**



**Summit Pizza Independence**

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# PROGRESSIVE PARTY

## PEACE LOVE GRUB

**FOOD, DRINKS & TREATS**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER  
210 W. TRUMAN RD.

GET INVOLVED BY SPONSORING A ROOM!  
If your business is interested in sponsoring a room for this event contact Jodi Krantz - jodi@ichamber.biz -OR- Mara Bradford - mara@ichamber.biz to sign up.

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# Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

~ Colin Powell ~



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*Holiday Luncheon*

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**LEAD**

INDEPENDENCE

Food, fun, fellowship & prizes!

Friday, December 1st | 11:30 AM-1:00PM  
Carrabba's Italian Grill