## Accessibility Champion Designation Award Announcement

Independent Connection

ACCESSIBILITY CHAMPION

A Community Designation by Independent Connection Inc.

We are thrilled to announce that the team at Salina Arts & Humanities has been awarded our first annual “Accessibility Champion” designation for their outstanding collaboration and focus on accessibility in our community.

The “Accessibility Champion" was created to honor a person or organization who is making considerable contributions and who displays dedication to making North Central Kansas communities accessibility-friendly and welcoming.

This designation is a testament to Salina Arts & Humanities exceptional leadership and sincerity in their commitment to including everyone at their events.

They were immediately receptive to our big idea of offering accessibility information and resources at the annual Smoky Hill River Festival. They continue each year being intentional about increasing accessibility at the event.

A highlight of their recent activities include:

1. Reviewing their vendor agreement for current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
2. Offering a phone number for any event goer to call with accessibility needs.
3. Exploring food options that include everyone.
4. Continuing to offer the Festival Families First program, providing underwritten admission to individuals who might otherwise be unable to attend the Smoky Hill River Festival.

These are just some purposeful actions, there are other ideas that their team is exploring! We applaud their efforts. As Salina grows, our partnership will continue to thrive and bring about positive changes.

Thank you, Salina Arts & Humanities!