

## **SPECIAL POPULATIONS ENTERS TREE IN LAWRENCE FESTIVAL**

Lawrence Parks and Recreation's Special Populations division entered a decorated holiday tree in the "Festival of Trees" event for the third consecutive year.

The "Festival of Trees" is a yearly event held at Liberty Hall in downtown Lawrence. The event is a fund raiser for The Shelter Inc. which provides emergency services for youth and families in Lawrence and the surrounding area. Each year several uniquely decorated trees are donated by organizations and individuals that are available for purchase at the "Festival of Trees" auction, with all proceeds going towards The Shelter Inc.

This year's theme for the tree was "Cute as a Button," and LPRD's Special Populations division decorated their grapevine wreaths with buttons and put their photos all around the tree. They also decorated red balls and made candy canes out of puzzle pieces with buttons all over. The tree skirt and big bow topper were also decorated with buttons to go along with the theme.

The tree was purchased at the auction by John and Rosie Elmore for \$250. The Elmore's have generously offered to donate our tree that they purchased back to LPRD because they thought the tree would be appreciated in one of our centers. The tree will be on display in the Administrative Office starting Friday, Nov. 30.

