

SPECIAL POPULATIONS HOLDS HOLIDAY PARTY

Lawrence Parks and Recreation, Special Populations Division held its monthly *Coffeehouse* program, which includes dinner and dance in December. More than 80 individuals attended the program that also had a special visit from Santa. The Baker University softball team volunteered for the event, which they have done for several years. The team is coached by Jamie Stanclift and Gary Hines.



- C** = Clean air
- H** = Healthy food choices
- I** = Initiatives to curb obesity
- P** = Physical activity

LPRD APPLIES FOR BLUECHIP AWARD

Parks and Recreation has applied for the Kansas Recreation and Park Association and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas' BlueCHIP Healthy Community Award, which will be announced during the KPRA annual conference in January. They have three different divisions based on population and will award up to six communities based on an application process looking at the areas of Clean air; Healthy food choices;

Initiatives to curb obesity and Physical activity. Winning communities receive an award of \$2,500 to further their efforts to fund program which support the CHIP concepts. If awarded, the money will go toward the OrganWise Guys program LPRD has implemented in its summer camps and as a stand alone program as outreach to the community. Lawrence has won the award twice before in 2011 and 2013.

LPRD APPLIES FOR NFL PLAY-60 GRANT AFTER-SCHOOL KICKOFF GRANT PROGRAM

Parks and Recreation is once again applying for a grant through the NFL Foundation to help fund its flag football program through the Play-60 After-school grant, which funds programs that are located surrounding metropolitan areas having a NFL franchise. Nine park and recreation sites will be selected for a \$7500 grant to provide new equipment, curriculum, refurbished play spaces, additional staff to run physical activity-based programming. LPRD was awarded a \$1500 grant, which consisted of a starter kit for its flag football program begun earlier in the year.

