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### 2024 Annual Awards Banquet

Honoring clients, staff & donors

On April 18th, Big Lakes hosted our Annual Awards Banquet at the Mid-West Dream Car Collection. This event honored staff service awards, client(s) of the year, and donors who contributed \$5,000+ in 2023.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to this year's banquet sponsors, Carpet One of Manhattan, Murdock Manhattan, CKA LLC., Max Motors, KS StateBank, and Slingsby Agency Insurance, for their invaluable support.

Five years of serivce award recipients were Kim Allen, Grace Baggett, Tanja Burke, Tiffany Martinez, Dacarra Peppers, Tiffany Scarborough, Morgan Trapp, and Jordan Wallace. Indira Artola-Galo received her 10 years of serivce award. Tynesha Goodridge received her 15 years of service award. Fatuma Ochanda, LPN, and Lugen Lutz, SHRM-SCP, were awarded their 25 years and 30 years of service awards.

Congratulations to Justin - Manhattan and Amanda - Clay Center on being the 2024 Client of the Year!

Thanks to Friendship House for catering the eventand the Manhattan High School Orchestra for providing entertainment.







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## **Grow Green Match Day**



Thank you to everyone who donated to Big Lakes on Grow Green Match Day hosted by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. With the matched funds provided by the Howe Family Foundation, Big Lakes raised just over \$66,000 to go towards our Raise the Roof Capital Campaign. The event raised over \$1.7 million in donations with 7,149 gifts to 91 non-profit funds in the Manhattan area.

#### **Boy Scouts**

Clients participate in weekly Boy Scout activities. This month, they earned their bug badges and raced Pinewood Derby cars!







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#### **Prom Night**

Big Lakes' clients and staff had an unbelievable night of dancing and celebrating at prom! Huge thank you to Evening with the Stars & K-State Athletics for hosting this unforgettable event each year.







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Each year, Agtech hires clients to count and package straws and pegs used for breeding animals. Ten to twelve clients work on this contract and complete an average of 650 packages.

