



big lakes

Delivering quality services that promote choice, independence, and inclusion for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

December 2023 newsletter

A Letter from the President & CEO

2023 is coming to a close and what a year it was for Big Lakes. We celebrated 50 years of service for individuals in our community with intellectual and developmental disabilities and also celebrated 30 years of financial support from the Big Lakes Foundation. I hope you were able to follow the festivities through our monthly newsletters or on social media. I recently looked through all the photos that were posted on Facebook to mark this momentous time in Big Lakes history. The emotion that caught my eye with each event JOY. How fortunate are we to be

associated with an organization with such an important mission, a community that believes in what we do, employees who bring the mission to life and the wonderful people we have the opportunity to serve and bring joy to our lives.

Big Lakes remains committed to our vision, mission and values for another 50 years of service. Bring on 2024!

With gratitude

Lori B. Feldkamp
President & CEO



Raise the Roof Update

This five-phase project will provide much-needed updates to our primary location for day programs, employment services, and administration. We are happy to report that Phases 1 new roof and 2 solar panles has been completed. Phase 3 Interior Finishes Remodel, Phase 4 HVAC Replacements, and Phase 5 Concrete Replacement will be completed once we have reached our fundraising goal.

\$2M
GOAL

38%
of goal



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A Special Visit from Santa



CONGRATS to the 2023 Client(s) of the Year



Justin Colson, Manhattan



Amanda Davis, Clay Center

Client Winter Party

On December 15, the holiday season was celebrated with the Client Winter Party at the Manhattan Work Center. The theme selected by the Client Steering Committee was Winter Forest. Each program area worked diligently on decorations to fit the theme in the weeks leading up to the party. This included table centerpieces, a forest scene, a themed Christmas tree, a DJ booth, and much more! Thank you to DJ Dave Lewis for the jams on the dance floor and Friendship House for a yummy lunch that fueled the dance moves. The clients also enjoyed craft activities and socializing. Below are several photos from the event.



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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR GIFT.

USING COMMUNITY TAX CREDITS FOR RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

The Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP) provides an opportunity for private, non-profit organizations and public health care entities to improve their ability to undertake major capital campaigns.

A RETURN ON YOUR DONATION

Businesses and individuals subject to Kansas income tax are eligible to receive a 50% tax credit through this program. Donations must be \$250 or greater and the payment should come directly from the business or the individual.

State tax credits reduce the total amount of taxes owed to the state. They are a way for a taxpayer to substantially reduce the cost of making a contribution to a charitable organization.

These credits are transferable AND refundable.

HOW TO CLAIM THE CREDIT

To claim the credit, a donor must complete Schedule K-60, which is filed with their income tax return.

(Note: Kansas Department of Commerce cannot provide tax advice. Please consult a tax

QUESTIONS?

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HOW DO TAX CREDITS WORK?

Through CSP, the state authorizes selected non-profit organizations to offer tax credits to donors for the benefit of approved projects. Projects should be new or one-time in nature and create lasting value for the non-profit organization.

Donations to these organizations support projects making an impact in communities across the state in areas like childcare, crime prevention, youth technical training, healthcare, and more.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

> 15,000 in pop.

50% IN STATE CREDITS

A \$1,000 Donation =
\$1,000 for Raise the Roof
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