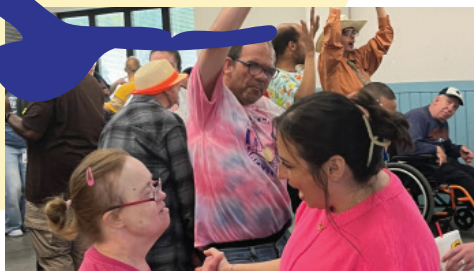


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PARTY IN THE DESERT CLIENT SUMMER PARTY

On Friday, June 20th, we turned up the heat for our Summer Client Party with a Party in the Desert! The day was packed with delicious food, fun activities, and of course, nonstop dancing to all of our favorite music!

Planning kicked off back in April, after the Client Steering Committee chose the theme. From there on, our clients and staff worked together to bring the desert to life! They made cacti out of different materials like paper plates and pool noodles! It really felt like we were transported to the desert!

This year's activity was a colorful sand bottling station. Clients picked what colors of sand they wanted for their own desert-in-a-bottle.

We'd like to thank all of the people that made our event so successful! A huge shoutout to our generous sponsors, the Dean Coughenour Trust and the Big Lakes Foundation, for making this celebration possible.

Special thanks also goes to Friendship House for the incredible grilled lunch and delicious refreshments, and Dave Lewis for the perfect party beats that got us dancing the whole time!

We're already hyped for our next big party! If you would like to help sponsor future events, contact Carmen at cng@biglakes.org. We'd love to have you join the fun and see what we're planning next!



A MEOW-TASTIC TIME

Big Lakes had a purr-fectly fun time visiting the Sunflower Cat Café in Manhattan, KS! We enjoyed relaxing in the cozy atmosphere, cuddling with all the friendly cats, and soaking in the furry vibes of the space.

Experiences like this remind us how meaningful community engagement can be and how a little feline friendship can brighten anyone's day!

GROWING GOODNESS

The best way to get our hands dirty is by taking care of our gardens and farm! By growing our own fruits and vegetables, we are embracing a rewarding and sustainable lifestyle that fosters health and self-sufficiency.

Our clients have input on what fresh, organic fruits and vegetables they'd like to grow in our gardens. It's a wonderful way to stay active, enjoy the outdoors, and gain a deeper appreciation for where our food comes from. Plus, the joy of picking a sweet strawberry is hard to beat!



CHEERS TO DEWAYNE CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

We would like to extend a big congratulations to Dewayne for being recognized as Employee of the Month at his workplace! This well-deserved honor reflects his dedication, positive attitude, and strong work ethic. He is known for his kindness towards everyone, his constant willingness to lend a helping hand, and of course, his bright smile! His hard work truly makes a difference. Way to go, Dewayne!

THANK YOU TO OUR JUNE DONORS!

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