



Celebrating DSP Week

DSP Week was a great opportunity to celebrate our incredible Direct Support Professionals and show them just how much they are appreciated!

Throughout the week, staff enjoyed dressing up for themed days, cash giveaways, prizes, plenty of good food, and some friendly competition. From pajama day and custom hats to a dessert competition and Minute to Win It games, there was no shortage of fun!

While the celebrations were a highlight, the real reason behind DSP Week was recognizing the people who make such a difference every day. Our DSPs provide essential support, encourage independence, and help the individuals we serve live full, meaningful lives.

We hope the week was a reminder of just how valued and appreciated our DSPs are.

It's hard work. It's meaningful work. It's heart work.

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Clay Center Gives Back

Thanks to the generosity of our Clay Center community, **Big Lakes exceeded our Gather for Good fundraising goal!** Donations will support much-needed renovations and accessibility improvements to our Clay Center day service center and residential home.

We are grateful to everyone who donated and to the Patterson Family Foundation, and Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation for making this event possible.

Your support helps us provide safe, accessible spaces for the individuals we serve!

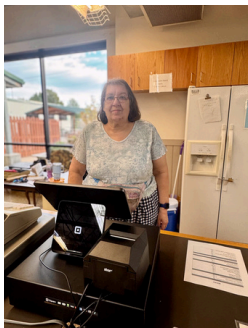


*We've been keeping busy around
Tuttle Creek!*

*Some of our clients **volunteered their time cleaning up campsites** and helping keep the area looking great, while others **enjoyed a little fishing.***

It's been a great mix of giving back to the community and enjoying some time outdoors!

New Technology, New Opportunities at Big Lakes!



Our concession stand just got an updated point-of-sale (POS) system, which means we will soon be accepting credit cards!

But this upgrade is about more than convenience. **Clients are training on the new system, gaining hands-on experience with transactions, customer service, and technology used in businesses every day.**

It's a great opportunity to build practical skills that could help prepare them for **future employment in the community!**

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