

## 2024 Annual Giving Campaign

A Record-Breaking Annual Giving Campaign!

Each holiday season, Big Lakes embraces the spirit of giving through our Annual Giving Campaign. Since 1996, we have reached out to our generous supporters, and year after year, the campaign continues to grow.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, we achieved a record-breaking milestone this year! Every contribution was matched 100% by the Goldstein Foundation, helping us surpass our goal in an extraordinary way. ***We are thrilled to share that we raised over \$77,000 +match — far exceeding our original goal of \$70,000!***

These funds will directly support Phase 3 of our interior remodel as part of the Raise the Roof Campaign. With this latest achievement, we are now 80% of the way toward our \$2 million goal!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Annual Giving Campaign. Your generosity makes a lasting impact on the individuals we serve and helps us further our mission.



There's still time to make a difference! Every donation continues to be matched 100%, doubling your impact. Visit [biglakes.org](http://biglakes.org) to give today!

## Christmas at the Cabin

Client Winter Party

To celebrate the holiday season, clients and staff came together for a joyful Client Winter Party! This year's theme, Christmas at the Cabin, set a cozy and festive atmosphere, and as always, the decorations were absolutely spectacular.

A highlight of the event was the special recognition of our 2024 Client of the Year recipients—Emily Lutz for Manhattan and Hollie Waldman for Clay Center. Congratulations to both!

A huge thank you to Friendship House for providing a delicious meal and to Dave Lewis for keeping the energy high and the dance floor full! It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season, and we are grateful to everyone who made this event so special.



## BINGO! BINGO!

Commerce Bank volunteered with Big Lakes to host a fun-filled Bingo event with prizes and snacks for the clients!



Big Lakes was awarded the North Central Award of Merit in the Non-Traditional Talent Pools for the 2024 *To the Stars: Kansas Business Awards*. The annual awards program recognizes business across the state for the valuable contributions they make to the Kansas economy and to the well-being of their communities. Thank you to the Manhattan Chamber for the nomination.

## CEO Announces Retirement

### A Message from the Big Lakes Board of Directors

February 6, 2025 - Big Lakes Developmental Center, Inc. and the Big Lakes Foundation, Inc. announced today the upcoming retirement of President & CEO, Lori Feldkamp, which will occur June 1, 2025. Ms. Feldkamp will have served over 30 years with Big Lakes. She was hired in 1994 as the Personnel Director before being promoted to Vice President Administration & Finance in 1996. The Board of Directors hired Ms. Feldkamp as the President & CEO of Big Lakes in 2004.



Ms. Feldkamp has also been very active at the State and National levels, serving as Board President of InterHab (state IDD provider association) from 2014-2017, as an Accreditation Surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for 15 years, and currently represents the state of Kansas on the ANCOR (national IDD provider association) Board of Representatives. For full press release visit [biglakes.org/blog](http://biglakes.org/blog).

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