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developmental
center, inc.**

Providing services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in Clay, Geary, Pottawatomie and Riley counties in Kansas since 1973

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BIG NEWS from big lakes

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GROW GREEN Match Day 2017

Big Lakes Developmental Center will be participating in the 5th Annual Grow Green Match Day on Friday, April 21. On that day, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation will match donations made to our endowment fund to enrich the programs Big Lakes offers for years to come.

Here's how it works:

- **Come to the event and make a donation.**
Date: Friday, April 21, 2017
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Please visit growgreenmanhattan.com to make online gifts. Online gifts made between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on April 21 will qualify for match dollars.)
Place: Colony Square Atrium, 555 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas
- Individual contributions ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 will receive a 50 percent local match, so a \$1,000 gift will receive a \$500 local match!
- Gifts can be made by cash, check, or online using a credit card. Cash and check gifts should be made in person at the event. Credit card gifts can be made online at growgreenmanhattan.com at a remote location, or at the event. When donating by check, one check must be made payable to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. A separate form will be used to indicate which organizations will benefit.
- **Gifts made in person at the event at Colony Square will qualify for prize money incentives for Big Lakes.**

With your help, Big Lakes could secure up to \$10,000 in matching funds on GROW GREEN Match Day. Your gift is vital for helping us maximize the match.

We are asking you to give in addition to what you give to our annual campaign for capital projects. Building an endowment is critical for our future. Grow Green Match Day is an opportunity to grow our endowment so we can enrich the programs of Big Lakes Developmental Center, Inc. for even greater impact for years to come.

Speaking of growing green...

? DID YOU KNOW Big Lakes has a farm on Zeandale Road?

- The Farm Services Program started in 2007 when Big Lakes purchased the property on Zeandale Road
- Located seven miles east of Manhattan and includes 20 acres of land
- Includes two of our group homes and also provides day services for a few of our clients
- Activities in the Farm Services Program include raising chickens and gardening
- Throughout Summer 2016, Big Lakes held weekly Farm & Craft Sales to sell produce from the gardens, eggs, and crafts made by our clients



A greenhouse was added to the property a few years ago, but it was in need of repair in 2017. Several clients and staff worked together with Kerri Ebert, Extension Assistant for Biological and Agricultural Engineering at Kansas State University, to make the necessary repairs and get the greenhouse ready for use again.

Heartfelt Gifts from Dillons #15

During the month of February, customers at Dillons purchased roses through the *Heart to Heart* promotion. Katie Simmonds, Assistant Store Manager at Dillons #15 on Sarber Lane in Manhattan, said the campaign was so successful that Dillons was able to donate roses to each client at Big Lakes AND six other local organizations, including Meals on Wheels, Via Christi Village, Homecare and Hospice, the Crisis Center and two nursing homes in Wamego.

Big Lakes clients were so excited to receive their roses. Seeing their joy brought tears to our eyes, especially when some shared the love and passed along their rose to someone special to them. It was a special moment to see on Facebook the mother of one of our clients enjoying her rose from her son.

Thanks to Dillons #15 and their customers for celebrating Valentine's Day with Big Lakes!

