



Dear Friends,

We Grow Dreams is just one of hundreds of non-profit organizations in DuPage County looking for your support to help continue providing services to those needing help in our own communities. So why choose us?

We Grow Dreams is a viable greenhouse business that employs people with disabilities. We buy, grow and sell plants. Anyone who is familiar with growing seasons will understand that, in order to sell plants in May, the seeds and seedlings are ordered in August for delivery in January. It takes months of planning, preparing, planting, watering and caring for flowers before they are available to be sold. And in 10 weeks, the selling season comes to an abrupt end. In the meantime, fall plants are ordered, planted and nurtured to be sold over 6 weeks come September and October. While the greenhouse is open all year with indoor plants, over 90% of all sales happen over 4 months each year.

We employ individuals with disabilities year round. They have real jobs caring for the 5 acres of property, greenhouses and retail areas, preparing pots by cleaning and filling, weeding, and assisting customers. They get paid once a month. They learn how to work in teams, how to be accountable for showing up and doing their jobs, some work offsite retail sales to promote the greenhouse, they earn Social Security credits which will entitle them to benefits years from now. They become contributing members of the community.

Many have learned new skills that they thought they would never be able to achieve. Their self-confidence grows every time they show up to work. We are doing great things at The Greenhouse.

We are proud to announce the 2020 Bowlathon on Sunday, February 23, at Parkside Lanes in Aurora. Anyone can join us for an afternoon of bowling fun, food, drink, raffles and a feel-good afternoon of knowing you are helping others achieve great things.

Sponsorships are critical to this event and we would love your support. There are multiple levels of support available: Event, Supporting, Lane, and Bowler, and we are making a push now to get the ball rolling! You can return the enclosed Sponsorship form, or you can sponsor us through our new online event website at www.bowlathon.net/event/we-grow-dreams-2020. You can even upload your logo!

Your support means the world to us, and allows us to continue to impact the lives of many who rely on us. Please commit to our Bowlathon event now, then mark your calendars to come out on the 23rd of February and see the impact you are making. Thank you for choosing us...we couldn't do it without you.

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