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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The holidays are over and we hope yours was a wonderful celebration with family and friends.

Winter should be a time of rest in preparation for spring growth and renewal but at the greenhouse, we start right in cleaning grow houses and filling pots and trays. Along with that, we get excited about our annual fundraiser Bowlathon to support our mission of ongoing programming and job training for young adults with disabilities. We can't wait for Sunday, February 25 for the 17th WGD Bowlathon at Parkside Lanes in Montgomery!



Our team members are the reason why we exist – to provide a place where their work is valued, where they learn life skills of not just completing tasks but also of being an integral part of the community, working independently as well as part of a team. We realize the 'ask' of local businesses can be overwhelming when you are trying to keep your business functional; however, we strongly believe that it takes our communities to support each other for the best results for all! Our team members come from Wheaton, Warrenville, Naperville, Glen Ellyn, Elgin, Batavia, Aurora, St. Charles, Downers Grove and West Chicago either through high school transition programs, with job coaches or parents, or on their own. Some of our team members have become full employees right here at the greenhouse while others have moved on to other jobs.

Sponsorships and donations are critical to this event and we would love your support. There are multiple levels available: Event, Supporting, Lane, and Bowler sponsorships and donations of all kinds are gratefully accepted for raffles and silent auction items. You can return the enclosed Donor and Sponsorship form, or you can sponsor us through our online event website at www.bowlathon.net/event/we-grow-dreams-2024. Anyone can join us for an afternoon of bowling, fun, food, drink, raffles and a feel-good afternoon, knowing you are helping others achieve great things.



Your support means the world to us! It allows us to continue to **change the lives of many**. Please commit to our Bowlathon event now, share with friends and neighbors, and then mark your calendars to come out on February 25 to see the impact you are making.

Thank you for choosing us...we couldn't do it without you.

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