



## Super donors give \$25K matching grant to help access nature

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### Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center must raise \$25,000

WEST BEND — Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center (BLFRC) helps thousands of children, adults and seniors each year, but the organization cannot run without the support from the community. Two anonymous super donors have given \$25,000 and are asking individuals to match this amount so Blue Lotus can receive \$50,000. “It is only through donations that we are able to stay open,” said Jacqueline Janz, BLFRC executive director. “It is heartwarming to see the many beautiful faces light up with joy as they appreciate the outdoors and forget their troubles of the day. This motivates us to continue to do all we can to raise funds and keep Blue Lotus in operation. By providing an accessible outdoor space, individuals with profound life challenges benefit by the many inspiring activities such as fishing, swimming and canoeing.” Due to COVID-19, BLFRC had to cancel their annual golf fundraiser, the biggest campaign of the year. Two donors stepped up and contributed \$25,000 for supporters to match. But the matching

funds must be raised before midnight Oct. 1. BLFRC believes that everyone should have access to nature and the benefits it provides, and is committed to finding ways for individuals to enjoy the outdoors. Since 2002, BLFRC, a 501c3 nonprofit, has assisted those with profound life challenges of any age by providing accessible outdoor recreational and therapeutic opportunities in a caring, accepting and inspiring 64-acre day camp setting. The center, located at 5501 County Road M, is also available to individuals and businesses looking for a natural setting for wellbeing or work retreats. At Blue Lotus, there are many opportunities to rejuvenate the mind and spirit by immersing in the beautiful setting and outdoor activities on the 64-acre property. There are hiking trails, an in-ground pool, a four-acre pond, kayaks and canoes, pavilion space, a campfire for roasting marshmallows and more. Individuals leave feeling empowered, encouraged and joyful. For more information about BLFRC, visit [bluelotusfarm.org](http://bluelotusfarm.org) or call 262-675-2473.

