



Come join us  
in supporting our  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowlathon!

This is a major fundraising event that supports the WGD job-training program for individuals with disabilities. Come and help us build a brighter future for them! We encourage all team members, their friends and families to help make this year's event a huge success!

**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12, 2012  
BRUNSWICK ZONE  
1555 W. 75<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
WOODRIDGE, IL**

**GO GREEN! Register online:**  
[www.firstgiving.com/WGD/we-grow-dreams-7th-annual-bowlathon](http://www.firstgiving.com/WGD/we-grow-dreams-7th-annual-bowlathon)

**Our Mission** is to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives and to train and work in a supportive, safe and caring environment while producing and providing products and services to the community.

## ABOUT WE GROW DREAMS, INC.

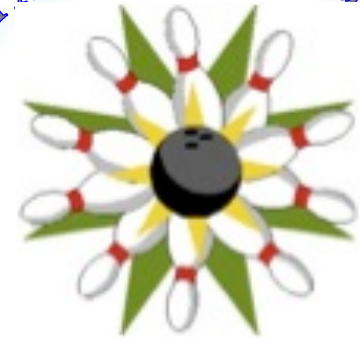
A dream in the minds of a small group of parents and the determination to make the dream a reality are behind the We Grow Dreams Greenhouse & Garden Center in West Chicago, IL. We Grow Dreams, Inc., founded in December 2004, is a not-for-profit 501 ( c ) 3 corporation. This dream is being fulfilled by providing job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The founders recognized the lack of employment opportunities for people with disabilities and came together to creatively address this need. A greenhouse was identified as a labor-intensive business, something necessary for a dynamic job vocational training ground. Individuals with disabilities were envisioned working with volunteers and greenhouse employees, learning the business and developing a variety of work skills. This vision became the support model for the venture. The individuals with disabilities that receive vocational training are referred to as Team Members at the greenhouse. Since its inception, over 120 Team Members and their families have participated in the program, along with many, many volunteers, all of whom are from Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane and Will counties. The program has been extremely well received in the community. The *We Grow Dreams Greenhouse & Garden Center* is a year-round business supplying a wide variety of premium quality plants and gardening accessories. The center is also venturing into the exciting field of aquaponics to provide year-round locally grown produce. Products are available to the public for retail sale and for wholesale distribution.



1055 West Washington Street, West Chicago, IL  
630.293.0100 [www.wegrowdreams.org](http://www.wegrowdreams.org)



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowlathon!**



**Sunday, February 12, 2012**

Registration: 1:00 pm  
Bowling: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**BRUNSWICK ZONE  
1555 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street  
Woodridge, IL**



## BOWLATHON REGISTRATION

You may register one of two ways:

1. ONLINE AT:

[www.firstgiving.com/WGD/we-grow-dreams-7th-annual-bowlathon](http://www.firstgiving.com/WGD/we-grow-dreams-7th-annual-bowlathon) or

2. FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM below & mail to WGD.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to bowl with others who have registered or will be registering, please write in their names below.  
Maximum 5 bowlers per team.

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Registration deadline – FEBRUARY 9, 2012  
Please send completed registration forms to:

WE GROW DREAMS, INC.  
c/o Holly Riordan  
1055 W. Washington Street  
West Chicago, IL 60185



## BEFORE THE BOWLATHON

Each individual bowler MUST register online, OR complete and return the attached registration form by February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

You can obtain pledge sheets and additional registration forms by contacting WGD at 630-293-0100 or online at: [www.wegrowdreams.org](http://www.wegrowdreams.org)

**ONLY BOWLERS WHO HAVE REGISTERED WILL BE ABLE TO BOWL.**

### **GO GREEN & REGISTER ONLINE!**

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### **COLLECTING PLEDGES**

*Each bowler is asked to get sponsors who will pledge money for them to participate in the bowlathon event.*

There are two ways to collect pledges:

1. Use pledge sheets to collect pledges. Pledge sheets can be downloaded from our website: [www.wegrowdreams.org](http://www.wegrowdreams.org) or you can call We Grow Dreams greenhouse at 630-293-0100.
2. Register online at Firstgiving.com and then you can collect pledges through your own webpage.

Since this is a fundraising event, bowlers are encouraged to raise as much money as possible and a minimum of \$100 is requested to be raised by each bowler.

-Collect your offline pledges, if any, before the bowlathon and turn in at registration on the day of the event. Please remember to send a thank you note to your sponsors after the event!

- Checks should be made out to "We Grow Dreams"
- Inquire with your employer about a matching gift.
- Pledges not turned in at the Bowlathon should be sent to: We Grow Dreams, 1055 W. Washington St., West Chicago, IL 60185 by MARCH 11, 2012.

## DAY OF THE BOWLATHON

- Registration begins at 1:00 pm. Bowling will start at 2:00 pm. Please be considerate of bowlers who may be finishing up on lanes we will be using.
- Each individual bowler will need a pledge sheet with a minimum of \$100 in pledges and any money that they have already collected.
- Lane assignments will be given at registration.
- Registered bowlers will bowl three games.
- There will be no charge for bowling and shoe rental.
- Snack Bar will be open during the entire event.
- Raffle tickets will be sold during the event and raffle winners will be announced at approximately 4:30 pm.

### **RAFFLE PRIZES**

Please help make this event a success by donating a prize for our raffle by contacting friends or family who own businesses. Or you may know someone who may be able to donate tickets to sporting events, merchandise or restaurant gift certificates, electronics, hotel packages, theater tickets, etc. Please contact Holly Riordan at 630-983-6522 or [hriordan74@gmail.com](mailto:hriordan74@gmail.com) for more information. We Grow Dreams will publicize the donation on the day of the event and on our website. Everyone is encouraged to patronize businesses that support our mission and us.

### **EVENT AND LANE SPONSORSHIP**

Any employer, business or group that you and your family may patronize is invited to become an Event Sponsor or Lane Sponsor for the Bowlathon. Sponsors' names will be displayed at the Bowlathon and publicized on our website. Everyone is encouraged to patronize businesses that support our mission and us.

**Event Sponsorship is available for \$5000, \$2500 or \$1000. Lane Sponsorships are available for \$250 per lane.**

Please contact Laurie Zientz at 630-293-0100 or [lauriez@wegrowdreams.org](mailto:lauriez@wegrowdreams.org) for information.