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July 12, 2006

Lawrence Amateur Golf Association
725 Shelburn Place
Lawrence, Kansas 66046

Greetings:

On behalf of all of us here at Headquarters Counseling Center, I am sending thanks to all of you who were part of the "Big Event" weekend tournaments. That includes Kyle and Jayme Taylor as well as all the LAGA tournament organizers, the sponsors, and of course, the golfers.

It was a huge and wonderful surprise for our center to be awarded \$2,500 from the tournaments. This is more than any of the three previous years. As a center that works so hard to keep help easily available, \$2,500 has a big impact. Thank you. We want you to know how much difference you are making.

Kids love to call us on our Phone A Friend line. Although they frequently start with "I'm bored," conversations can quickly become lively, as the counselor expresses interest in the child and what he or she enjoys doing. Adults needing to find resources to help make ends meet call us for guidance and emotional support. Every day we hear from teens and adults considering suicide, and use our caring and skill to guide them toward safe choices.

LAGA's commitment to our center helps keep those services, and more, available free of charge, 24 hours daily. Thank you. We also hope that LAGA inspires other organizations and businesses to help.

This summer is a critical time for our center. We are working extra hard to let more people know about the important services offered by our center—services that could be needed by any person, regardless of age or background. Our summer goal is to increase the amount of funding that we receive from individuals, organizations, and businesses in this community so that we are not forced to reduce the services that we provide to kids and adults.

We are very grateful for LAGA's help toward meeting our goal. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Marcia Epstein, LMSW
Director

Mission

Our trained volunteers and staff provide personal assistance through counseling, education, and information services that are readily available to people in need.

