



According to the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee, funds raised by Friends of Lake of the Woods (FLOW) were instrumental in reducing the cost of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

These tax-deductible charitable donations totaled \$7,800, which included \$1,050 from individuals and \$6,750 from local businesses.

One of the more significant donations was made by Walmart in response to an historical preservation grant request submitted by FLOW. These funds were used to help create an historical and educational display which was featured throughout the year in all of LOW's community arenas.

In addition, unplanned profits from ticket sales for the two Rave On concerts in February 2017 along with private donations to the FLOW charity project were enough to cover expenses for all of the remaining special activities.

Many of these special events (concerts and dinner dances, for example) were self-supporting through ticket sales. Others, like the 5K Run T-Shirts and enhanced Independence Day activities and fireworks on July 1, were supported by donations.

This is where contributions to FLOW helped. Every dollar returned to LOWA by the steering committee held down the cost of the celebration to LOWA members.