



March 28, 2026

Dear Optimist Supporter,

With your help, we could secure up to \$7,500 in matching funds during Grow Green Match Day on April 22, 2026! The 14th Annual Grow Green Match Day on Wednesday, April 22nd holds an incredible opportunity for The Manhattan Optimist Club. On this day, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation will match donations made to our organization, and we could receive up to a \$7,500 match to our endowed fund—our long-term savings.

Optimist Park is a cornerstone of youth recreation in Manhattan, serving hundreds of local children and families each year through T-Ball, softball, and other programs. As part of our mission of “Bringing Out the Best in Kids,” we provide a safe, welcoming space where kids can build confidence, learn teamwork, and enjoy the game—many for the very first time through our free T-Ball program.

Our Optimist Grow Green goal of \$15,000 will help support the ongoing upkeep and improvement of Optimist Park. Your donation will directly contribute to maintaining and enhancing this important community space, ensuring it remains safe, accessible, and impactful for local youth and families for years to come.

Here’s how it works:

Make a donation:

In Person:

When: April 22, 2026
Where: Colony Square Atrium, 555 Poyntz Avenue
Time: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Online:

Online gifts can be made with a credit card between 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM April 22nd by visiting GrowGreenManhattan.com.

Mail In:

Write only **ONE** check made payable to GMCF for your entire gift. Complete the donation form to indicate amounts you would like to give to participating organizations. Donations can be mailed to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation at P.O. Box 1127, Manhattan, KS 66505 **received by** April 22, 2026. The form can be downloaded from GrowGreenManhattan.com.

Gifts between \$25 & \$1,000 per person per organization will be eligible for a 50% match. Combined donations up to \$15,000 will be matched at 50%, giving a maximum of \$7,500 in matching funds to any one organization.

For example, if a donor gives a \$1,000 gift to a participating fund during match day, they are eligible to receive a 50% match of \$500.

Grow Green Match Day is an opportunity to more quickly grow our funding for charitable and philanthropic causes, so that we can enrich our programs for even greater impact in our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kelly Karl
President
Manhattan Optimist Club

QUESTIONS?

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