

News and Views

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Spirit Paper to the Rescue!

Malcolm Eaton helps shelter meet needs in tough times

In late April, the Rockford Rescue Mission, dealing with a shortage of needed supplies, made an appeal to the Rockford community on a local TV news broadcast.

Luckily, a manager at Malcolm Eaton saw the request on television and knew that MEE was in a unique position to help with at least one of their many needs; toilet paper.

Malcolm Eaton contact-



Pallets of Spirit Bathroom Tissue are unloaded at the Rockford Rescue Mission on April 29, 2013.

ed the Rescue Mission and set up a time to deliver three pallets, 4,600 rolls, of toilet paper. On April 29th, the Spirit truck rolled into Rockford and dropped off the much-needed bathroom tissue. According to the

Rescue Mission, Malcolm Eaton's donation will supply the organization for as long as six months.

Spirit Bathroom Tissue is manufactured every day by the men and women enrolled at Malcolm Eaton.

Spirit has been providing bathroom tissue to the State of Illinois for the past 11 years. Each year, the manufacture of Spirit provides over 26,000 hours of vocational training to adults enrolled at MEE.

MEE sends tissue to Tornado Victims

Following the devastating tornadoes near Moore Oklahoma on May 20, relief efforts nationwide banded together to send needed supplies to the communities hardest hit by the storms.

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, after seeing images of the disaster on televi-

sion, knew it had to send what it could to help the area recover.

On May 29, Malcolm Eaton donated 3,000 rolls of bathroom tissue to Rockton-based Operation Oklahoma which sent the paper to Moore, Oklahoma the following day.

A short time later, Mal-

colm Eaton contributed 4,600 rolls to a Freeport-based relief effort coordinated by Ron Wertz.

The Freeport relief effort, with help from Cub Foods, Quality Transport and many donations from Freeport residents, arrived in El Reno, Oklahoma on June 17.





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Coming Up

Nov. 28-29: Thanksgiving
Break (Closed)

Dec. 6: Staff Training
(Closed)

Dec. 23-27: Winter Shutdown
(Closed)

Dec. 30-31: New Years Break
(Closed)

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Freeport Police Sgt. Tom Madigan carries the torch as the runners from the Freeport Police Department finish the final leg of their torch run on June 13.

Freeport Police Department Carries Torch to Malcolm Eaton

For the second straight year the Freeport Police Department held a torch run to raise funds for the Special Olympics.

The run involved 13 local police officers run-

ning nearly five miles across town. The run culminated at the Malcolm Eaton Enterprises campus where the runners were greeted by a crowd of cheering and enthusiastic

Special Olympians.

Last year, the run raised over \$1,500 for Special Olympics. This year, the Freeport Police hoped to raise more than \$2,000.

MEE Welcomes New Board President

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises welcomed a new Board President, Kam Stake, to the agency this Summer. Stake will be heading the Board of Directors as they continue to help guide Malcolm Eaton's future growth.

Stake has plenty of experience working with the Malcolm Eaton Board, having served on it for seven of the last eight years. Stake previously served on the board between 2005 and 2011 before taking a one-year break and returning in 2012

Stake succeeds Bobbi Dykstra who was the Board

president in 2012-2013. Dykstra can be credited with helping guide the agency through the difficult financial times created by delayed state payments, and by serving on the Board during a time of continued growth and near-record enrollment.

Stake hopes to continue the many successes of her predecessor, and to maintain the excellent reputation that Malcolm Eaton has established in the region.

"For the community at large, Malcolm Eaton is a point of pride," Stake said. "There are not many day

training facilities that have as strong of a reputation as Malcolm Eaton."

"I am excited to work along side a group of people, the staff, who are making a positive difference every day."

Stake added "I want to make a positive impact and be part of the future growth of Malcolm Eaton."

Stake is a long-time resident of Warren, Illinois. She has spent the last twenty years of her career working with trusts and investments in the banking industry, most recently at Union Savings Bank in Freeport.