

A Bi-Monthly Update of the Most Recent Malcolm Eaton Enterprises News

## **June 2018**

Welcome to the June issue of News and Views!

### **Consumer Spotlight**



# A Home of Her Own

When Amanda first moved into her new home last September it was a big change. She would be moving from a large 15-resident facility to a much smaller 4bedroom house in the community.

Amanda's home is what is referred to as a Community Integrated Living Arrangement, or "CILA."

A CILA house provides 24-hour care and supervision to its residents. Each CILA home, as its name suggests, is integrated into the community to maximize inclusion. In addition to providing a safe, clean, place to live, each resident also receives training on a number of individualized goals that are designed to grow their independence and nurture their interests.

Amanda shares her new home with three other roommates.

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#### **Our Mission**

Malcolm Eaton
Enterprises encourages
and assists people with
disabilities, and those
who touch their lives, by
promoting informed
choice and creating
opportunities which
foster independent
community living, work
and play.

Because she moved into a CILA, Amanda can be much more active in the community. She loves going on weekly shopping trips, going to the library, and going out to dinner. She also enjoys going to dances in the community.

One of Amanda's favorite things about her new house include having her own room! She also likes her staff and her new roommates.

This month, Amanda began working on a new goal of gardening. She enjoys learning how to take care of plants and watching them grow and thrive.

Some of her roommates have goals that are helping them learn how to do their laundry or cook some of their favorite foods.

Amanda's favorite food to prepare is mashed potatoes.

Amanda's house was purchased with funds donated by the Craig Wilson memorial Trust. Wilson, a lifelong resident of Freeport, passed away in 2016. Wilson worked for many years on his family farm, and enjoyed motorcycling and biking. In his younger years, Wilson received services at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises.

#### News



# **Special Olympics Torch Run**

On June 14th, The Freeport Police Department arrived at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises after completing their leg of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is an annual fundraiser that raises money for the Special Olympics. Over the past 30 years the Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised over 40 million dollars.

We want to thank everyone from the Freeport Police Department for their continued support of individuals with developmental disabilities.

# **Freeport Community Foundation**

#### **Our Motto**



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### **Funds Sit-to-Stand Lift**

We are pleased to announce that the Freeport Community Foundation will be funding the full cost of \$3,899 for Malcolm Eaton Enterprises to purchase a Hoyer Journey sit-to-stand lift.

A sit to stand lift is used to help transfer an individual from one seated position to another. It will be most commonly used to assist individuals moving from a wheelchair to a seated position when using the bathroom, though it can be used to transfer people to and from any two seated positions.

Transferring an individual without the assistance of a lift requires a great deal of physical strength, and commonly requires multiple staff. By using the sit-to-stand lift, we can ensure that each person is assisted in the safest and most independent manner possible.

This new equipment addresses an immediate need, and one that will grow as the population we serve ages and requires more physical assistance.

The Freeport Community Foundation has been a longtime supporter of Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, and of individuals with developmental disabilities in our community. We are thankful to have their continued support.

The Freeport Community Foundation was founded in 1975 to create a lasting legacy of funds for organizations serving the people of Northwest Illinois. For 43 years FCF has provided a constant source of grant money for local non-profit charitable organizations.

For more information, visit www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org.



#### About the Hoyer Journey

The Hoyer Journey is a compact, lightweight, sit to stand lift that is used to transfer patients from one seated position to another. It can be easily maneuvered into compact spaces and is designed to easily and safely accommodate a wide range of patient sizes.



#### **Fundraisers**















#### **Partners**



#### Staff Development

# **Autism Mental Illness Training**

On June 13th, Clinical Programs Manager, Tracey Kempel, and DT Instructor / QIDP Kris DeHaven, attended a training on Autism, Mental Illness and Trauma.

The training was held at the University of Illinois College of medicine in Rockford. Presenters included Mary Kindler and Mary Gubbe Lee from the Illinois Center for Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice.

The presentation covered autism, as well as several cooccurring conditions such as ADHD, Depression, Anxiety, PTSD, OCD and bi-polar disorder.





### **Staff Anniversaries**

We are starting a new section this month focusing on celebrating staff longevity.

Did you know that the average employee at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises has been here for almost seven years! It's true! That experience is one of the things that helps us provide the very best care for the individuals we serve.

We want to take a moment to highlight the staff anniversaries we have celebrated so far this year.

## 25 Years

Congratulations **Sue Stanforth** for celebrating 25 years of service with Malcolm Eaton in January!

Sue first joined Malcolm Eaton Enterprises back in 1993, and has since served a number of vital roles within the agency. Today, Sue works as a Respite / Community Coordinator. In addition to coordinating our respite program, Sue works with individuals each day to help them develop skills to prepare them for vocational training. It's an extremely important job, and we are so fortunate to have Sue on our team!!

Thank you for so many years of dedicated service, Sue!

## 10 Years

Congratulations **Marcia Oppold**, CILA Support Worker, for celebrating 10 years of service in April! Marcia has been a longstanding member of our residential team where she helps support individuals in our intermittent CILA program. Intermittent CILA is a residential program





where individuals live in their own apartments with a great deal of independence. Rather than full, 24-hour, support, people in an intermittent CILA setting receive scheduled visits on an asneeded basis.



### 5 Years

Congratulations **Tina Mayberry**, DT Production Trainer, on her five-year anniversary this April. Tina plays an important role in helping individuals develop vocational skills.



### 5 Years

Congratulations also to **Mike Armstrong**, Lead Transportation Specialist, for celebrating five years of service in April! Mike Armstrong is responsible for making sure everyone gets to and from training each day.



We want to thank you for your interest in Malcolm Eaton Enterprises.

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# Imagine The Opportunities

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