

Winter 2021

Statement on Covid-19

In response to the spread of Covid-19, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises continues to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

We are currently serving 32 individuals on-site at our facility on West Lamm Road and are serving an additional 102 individuals off-site at multiple group-residences throughout our area.

By limiting the number of individuals who gather on-site each day, and by reaching out to serve people at their residential group homes, we hope to do our part in limiting the spread of Covid-19 in our community by providing services in the safest manner possible.

We ask that all of our readers help us in this effort by continuing to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and our local health department.

Together, we can make a difference!

We are all in this together!

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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.

There's Snow Place Like Home



A mixture of fog and cold temperatures created some unique ice formations this year.



MEE Opens New CILA House

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening a new CILA home this April.

CILA, which stands for Community Integrated Living Arrangement, is a type of residential home that provides persons with developmental disabilities a place where they can live within the community while still being supported by trained staff.

This new CILA will operate 24 hours a day and will serve four individuals. Each of the four individuals that will live in the CILA will have their own bedroom.

This house features an upstairs and downstairs living area, two bathrooms, a shared dining room, and a separate med-pass area where individuals can receive their medications. One of the more unique features of the house is a platform swing in the basement. Platform swings are a piece of therapeutic equipment that can help individuals with sensory disorders self-soothe when they become over stimulated.

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises currently operates four 24-hour group CILA locations in Freeport.



Platform Swing

This full body platform swing is one of the unique features of our new CILA house. It can be used by individuals with sensory disorders to self-soothe when they become over-stimulated. Sensory disorders are common with individuals on the Autism Spectrum.

Our Motto



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New CILA (Continued)



Dining Room

All of the residents will enjoy shared meals in the newly renovated dining room. Shared meals are a big part of CILA life. Many of the residents living in the CILA choose to work on developing their cooking skills so that they can become more independent.



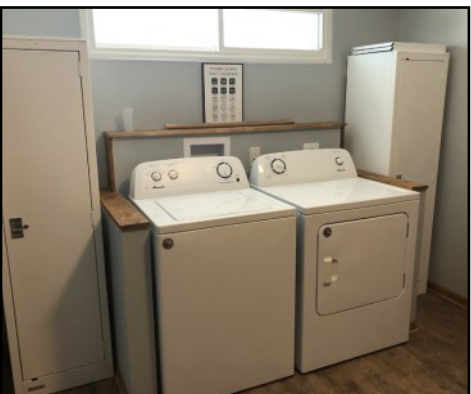
Living Rooms

Our newest CILA has two living rooms where individuals can watch their favorite television shows and movies.



Med-pass Area

There is a separate med-pass area where medications are secured. Residents take their medications in the area under the careful supervision of staff.



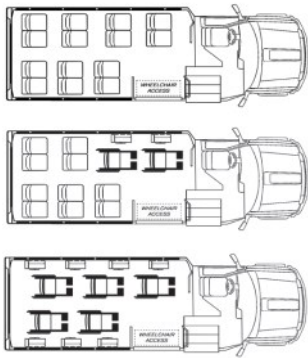
Laundry Room

The new CILA house features a full, main-level, laundry room with ample space and storage for four residents.

Fundraisers



News



The medium duty vehicle (shown above) can be configured to accommodate passengers with different needs. Every vehicle provided by the state of Illinois is wheelchair accessible, and features the latest in safety technology.

Images courtesy of the IDOT Section 5310 vehicle catalog.

MEE Adds More Vehicles to Fleet

We are happy to announce that we recently received two new vehicles from the state of Illinois this winter. The two vehicles include a minivan and a "medium duty" bus that can accommodate as many as 14 passengers.

The vehicles were obtained through the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of a grant program called Section 5310. The Section 5310 program supplies vehicles to nonprofit groups for the purpose of providing transportation to seniors and persons with disabilities. Each of the new vehicles replaces an older, existing, vehicle in MEE's fleet that has met the State's replacement criteria for age and mileage. MEE has received eight of these vehicles since 2016.

Each of the vehicles is fully accessible and features the newest in safety technology. Thanks to this program, we are able to make sure that all of our riders travel safely and comfortably to and from services.

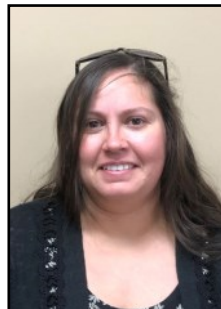
Partners



Staff Anniversaries

5 Years

Tawny Jowers celebrated her five year anniversary in November. As a DT Instructor / QIDP, Tawny is responsible for working with individuals to establish and monitor progress towards goals.





The Spirit Production area glows under our new LED light fixtures. The new fixtures are as bright, or brighter, than fluorescent bulbs and are only one-quarter of the size.

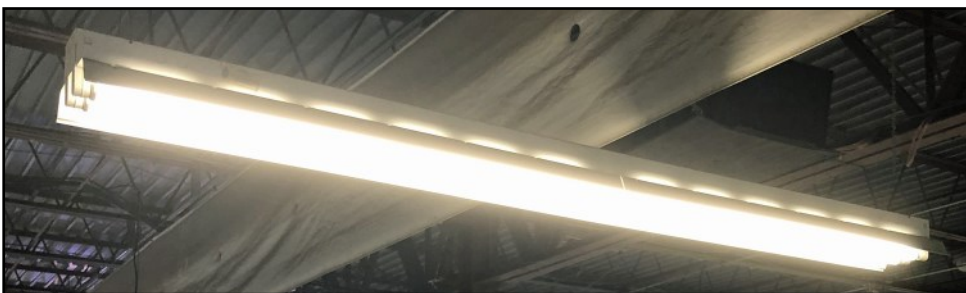
MEE Upgrades to LED Lights

We are happy to announce the completion of a major lighting upgrade to our facility. Over the course of 2020, we have replaced all of the fluorescent lights on our production floor with LED fixtures. Over 100 light fixtures were replaced in total.

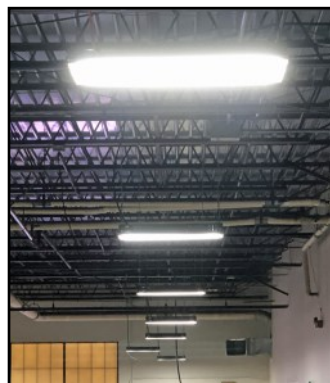
The new LED fixtures, which are about one-quarter the size of the old fluorescent lights, are as bright, or brighter than the units they replaced.

The project was partially funded through a ComEd rebate program that offset three-quarters of the total project cost.

The LED lights will use approximately half of the energy that the fluorescent lights use, and require less maintenance.



Fluorescent light fixtures (top) use more energy to operate and require costly replacement bulbs. The new LED fixtures (right) are a fraction of the size, require very little maintenance, and use half as much energy. Roughly 100 new LED lights were installed over the course of 2020.





Eats & Beats Returns in 2021

Freeport Area Eats & Beats will be returning to downtown Freeport on August 27-28.

The two-day event will take place at the corner of Spring Street and Chicago Avenue. Both days will feature live music and great food, served by local Stephenson County nonprofit groups. Admission to the event is \$3.00. Kids 12 and under are free!

Both nights will feature a great mix of local bands and regional headlining acts. Friday's show will feature pop hits from Chicago's number one party band, Hello Weekend! On Saturday night, one of the Midwest's favorite reggae groups, Unity the Band, will take the stage.

Freeport Area Eats & Beats began in 2019 as a collaborative effort including over 20 area non-profit groups. The goal of the event is to help each of the groups work together to raise money to support their respective missions.

The event was postponed in 2020 due the spread of Covid-19.

Proceeds from the event will help support the many hard-working non-profits in our community.

Several sponsorship packages are available that include special sponsor-exclusive rewards like free wristbands, event t-shirts, or for the ultimate experience - VIP lounge passes!

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Festival Director Lou Ann Stambaugh-Hayes: lastambaugh1@gmail.com or (847) 373-5745.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Cook'.

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