

A Quarterly Update of the Most Recent Malcolm Eaton Enterprises News

Fall 2021—Winter 2022

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.

The safety of the people we serve, and our staff, continues to be our primary focus. We will continue to observe social distancing recommendations, the use of masks, and other safety measures as recommended by the Department of Public Health.

We appreciate the continued patience of individuals receiving services, and their family members and guardians, as we work to serve everyone as safely as possible during this time.

We are all in this together!

Its Great to Be Back at the Movies!



Rather than a traditional holiday party this year, we opted for a trip to the movies! Over 150 clients were divided into groups and taken to the Lindo Theater for a private showing of the movie Encanto. By keeping groups small, and spreading visits over a three-day period, we were able to ensure that everyone maintained an appropriate distance.

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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.

Our Motto



IMAGINE
THE
OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday Party Makes Return in 2021

Our annual holiday party is one of the highlights of any year. The event is so much fun, that many clients begin asking questions about the next holiday party the following day.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to host a holiday party last year. This year, while much different than previous years, we were able to resume the tradition!

During a typical year, we have stations spread throughout our building with carnival games, photo booths, craft stations and even a dance floor. Everyone is free to choose what activities they want to do all day.

This year, to minimize the possibility of any Covid spread, we took a different approach.

We rented the movie theater downtown on three different days. Groups of individuals were brought to the theater each day. Because each group was small, attendees were able to sit in alternating seats and rows giving everyone ample space to maintain an appropriate social distance and relax.

Rather than serving pizza, a holiday party tradition going back sev-

eral years, everyone enjoyed an individually packaged meal from McDonalds that included a cheeseburger, drink, fries and chicken nuggets.

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to reimagine and reinvent many of the programs and services that we offer. We look forward to bringing back more activities in the coming year, while still promoting the safest possible environment that we can.



Above: Our reimaged holiday party featured a lunch from McDonalds.

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Thank you to all of our staff who worked so hard to make our 2021 holiday party a success!

News



'Tis the Season!

We love to encourage everyone in our programs to express themselves and to be creative. Look how great these homemade decorations in one of our residential homes turned out! So many great artists in one house. Awesome job!



MEE Gets New Nurse Station

This winter, MEE added a new nurses station to our facility. The new station features a desk for each of our nurses and an accordion-style door which can be closed during med-passes. Like many of our recent renovations, these updates are needed to meet growing demand for services.



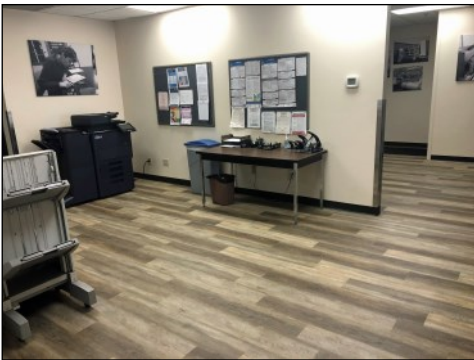
Fundraisers



New Flooring Installed



Our lobby area, above, and front office, below, received a facelift this winter with the installation of a new wood laminate floor. The laminate replaced carpet in areas where we have a large amount of foot traffic. The new laminate should be more durable and easier to clean.



New Training Office Added

Because the number of clients that we serve each day continues to grow, we needed a way to quickly and efficiently train new staff for our growing team.

The new office features multiple computer training kiosks where newly hired staff can independently view training videos and complete training modules.



Freeport Knights Make Donation



The Freeport Knights of Columbus made a very generous donation of over 1,300 to Malcolm Eaton Enterprises this year. The funds were raised during the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Pictured to the left: Todd McKenna from the Freeport Knights of Columbus hands a check to MEE Community Liaison, Brian Babcock.

Holiday Cheer on Display at MEE

While the last two years have certainly created some unique challenges at MEE, the holiday season always seems to bring out the most fun in everyone.

Here, one of our clients shows off a fun, sock monkey themed, winter hat.

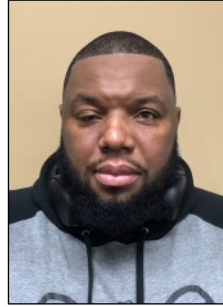
Many of the staff and clients at MEE chose to wear fun clothing during December as a way to brighten their mood and show off their holiday spirit.



Staff Anniversaries

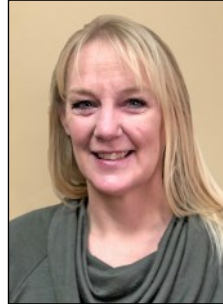
5 Years

Robert Patrick celebrated his five year anniversary in November. As our production manager, Robert oversees day-to-day operations of our workflow area. He also plays an integral role in developing relationships with our community business partners who provide our clients with paid work opportunities.



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Kris Dehaven celebrated her five year anniversary in December. As our Manager of Community Day Services, Kris oversees many of our Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professionals (QIDPs) and Direct Service Persons (DSPs). The focus of day services is to help individuals develop daily living skills and to promote greater economic self sufficiency.



5 Years

Jessica Robertson celebrated her five year anniversary in November. As a DT trainer, Jessica helps our clients work toward their individual goals by teaching adaptive skills, and modeling positive, pro-social, behavior.



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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