

A Quarterly Update of the Most Recent Malcolm Eaton Enterprises News

## Spring 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!



## Road Trip!

Residents from one of our residential CILA homes pose outside the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago last month. As Covid cases have declined, residents in our CILA program have been able to safely resume community outings.

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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



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THE  
OPPORTUNITIES



Residents and staff from the Wilson house, one of MEE's 24-hour residential homes, visit the Underwater Beauty exhibit at the Shedd Aquarium on April 9th.

## CILA Residents Visit Chicago

This April, residents from our Wilson house took a trip to Chicago to visit the Shedd Aquarium.

The Shedd Aquarium is the seventh largest aquarium in the world. It boasts five million gallons of aquarium space, and is home to over 32,000 animals.

While visiting the Shedd Aquarium the group was able to see hundreds of different tropical fish and aquatic mammals and birds.

The group's favorite stops in-

cluded the penguin, dolphin and whale exhibits.

After visiting the aquarium, the group stopped in Rockford to do some shopping, and then went to dinner at Texas Roadhouse.

Our residential CILA program not only helps teach clients the skills they need to be more independent at home, it also strives to help individuals to become active and engaged members of our community.

## Morse Golf Invitational Returns in July

The Don Morse Golf Invitational is scheduled to return on July 14 at the Freeport Club.

Each year, MEE staff volunteer to work at the event, serving food and monitoring various golf contests.

The Don Morse Invitational has been a longtime supporter of MEE, and has made generous contribu-



tions to our organization for the last ten years.

Donations from the Morse Invitational have helped fund numerous building renovations, and have purchased vehicles for our residential homes. The Morse Invite is MEE's largest source of fundraising revenue each year.

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MEE's Maintenance Service Worker, Steve Mischler, makes quick work of the renovations at our newest CILA home. While progress on the renovation has gone quickly, the process of opening a new residential CILA home can often take several months.

# MEE to Open Fifth CILA

MEE will be expanding its residential CILA program again this year with the purchase of a new home in Freeport.

When open, the home will serve four individuals. Three of the individuals will receive 24-hour care in the main portion of the house; a fourth individual will receive intermittent care in a newly renovated basement apartment.

Intermittent CILA is a popular option for individuals who still require occasional staff supports, but who are independent enough that they do not require 24-hour supervision. Individuals who live in intermittent care settings must first demonstrate a high level of inde-

pendence when it comes to cooking, cleaning, laundry and other household tasks.

Once the renovations are complete, the new home will undergo inspections and will apply for CILA licensure.

Renovations of the home should be finished later this summer, and the home could be open by early 2023.

This CILA will be MEE's fifth 24-hour residential home.

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises has added four residential homes since 2017. Funding for the purchase and renovation of MEE's new CILA homes is provided by the Craig Wilson Charitable Trust.



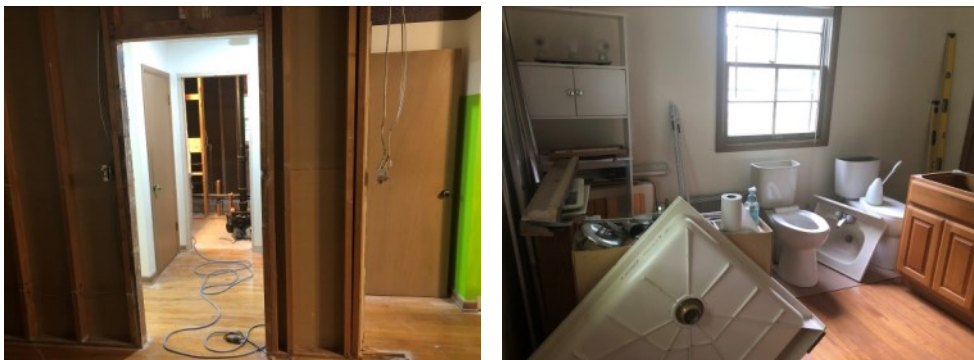
## News



**Top-left:** A bathroom has been stripped to the studs in preparation for a major remodel. **Top-right and below:** In order to make sure that the house is wheelchair accessible, several walls will need to be moved. This type of renovation can often involve moving plumbing and electrical utilities as well.



**Lower-left:** Doorways in the home are being widened to be more wheelchair accessible. **Lower-right:** One of the bedrooms currently functions as a storage area while bathroom renovations are underway.



## Partners



## Eats & Beats Scheduled for Aug 26-27

Eats & Beats will return this year with a new date and location.

The event will be held on August 26-27 at the Arts Plaza on the corner of Douglas and Chicago in Freeport.

This year, the event features two great headlining bands; the

Breakfast Club and the Zac Matthews band.

Admission to the event is \$3.00. Children three and under are admitted free of charge.

All proceeds from food sales are kept by the participating nonprofit organizations.

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COLLABORATING TO BRING YOU A WEEKEND OF  
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**Eats & Beats!**  
Freeport Area

**FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
AUGUST 26&27 | FREEPORT, IL  
ARTS PLAZA**

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**PROCEEDS BENEFIT AREA NONPROFITS**

<b>FRIDAY</b> 5:30-7:00 7:30-10:30 <b>Jukebox Baby</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30-7:30 8:00-11:00 <b>Sophie B Coyote</b> <b>Zac Matthews Band</b>	



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## Staff Anniversaries

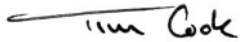
### 5 Years

**Janie Becker** celebrated her five year anniversary on May 22nd. As a Direct Support Professional (DSP) Janie works with individuals in their homes, and helps each individual work towards greater independence.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

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