

Fall and Winter 2024



Our annual Christmas party is always full of smiles! Here a group has fun playing a friendly game of Bingo.

Happy Holidays!

One of the highlights of every year is our annual Christmas party. This year the party featured more activities and games than ever before.

The event began with a gingerbread house making contest. Once the houses were completed, we had a wide variety of games and craft activities for everyone to enjoy. This year's craft projects included making Christmas-themed tote bags, Christmas ornaments, and even Christmas-themed hairbands.

After lunch, we cleared the cafeteria to create a dance floor where everyone could show off their best dance moves. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's party such a memorable event.

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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

Christmas Party



In addition to crafts and dancing, there was plenty of fun to be had playing games such as Bingo (left) or Uno (right).

Merry
Christmas!



With more craft stations than ever before, individuals had plenty of different ways to show off their creativity.

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News



Everyone had a terrific time at our Mardi Gras party in February. Individuals had an opportunity to take part in a number of fun activities, including making crowns and masks.

MARDI GRAS



In addition to making masks and crowns, individuals worked in groups to make fully customized Mardi Gras mini floats (right)! The individuals then took the floats on a parade through MEE to show them off.

Fundraisers



Freeport Knights of Columbus Make Record-Setting Donation

The Freeport Knights of Columbus donated a record-setting \$2,800 to Malcolm Eaton Enterprises this year from their annual Tootsie Roll drive.

The Knights of Columbus have been a long time supporter of MEE. This year's Tootsie Roll drive was the groups most successful to date.

Thank you to all who donated!



Freeport Area Eats & Beats is a two-day food and music festival that is fun for all ages! All food sales at Eats & Beats directly benefits participating local nonprofit groups.

Eats & Beats Returns Aug. 23-24

Freeport Area Eats & Beats will return to downtown Freeport on August 23-24 for a weekend of live music and great food.

The event will take place at the Freeport Arts Plaza located on the corner of East Douglas Street and North Chicago Avenue. Eats & Beats will run from 5:00-10:00 on Friday, and from 5:00-10:00 on Saturday.

Food and music lineups will be released later this Spring.

For more information and announcements, find the Freeport Area Eats and Beats page on Facebook.

McKenna Chosen as 2023 Volunteer of the Year by GFP

Todd McKenna, a long time MEE volunteer, was chosen by the Greater Freeport Partnership as its 2023 volunteer of the year.

Todd has served on a number of Malcolm Eaton Enterprises committees as well as our board of directors.

"It's an incredible honor for me to be chosen for this award and it certainly was unexpected. I just try to help out where needed. It certainly helps when you are volunteering for a few hours somewhere and the people you're working alongside are fun, hard-working and caring. That is very true of all of the people at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises through the years and it always makes me smile when I walk into the place."

Congrats on your award, Todd!! It is very well deserved.



Photo courtesy of GFP

Todd McKenna poses with the plaque he received for being named the 2023 Greater Freeport Partnership volunteer of the year on Saturday, February 24



Anniversaries

5 Years

Mike Brubaker celebrated his five year anniversary in September. As our Production / Paper Sales Coordinator, Mike works with local businesses to bring work contracts into MEE. These work contracts provide individuals receiving services at MEE with paid work opportunities. Mike also works with our paper customers statewide to make sure their orders are processed quickly and accurately.



Tim Cook Celebrates 30 Years with Malcolm Eaton Enterprises



Tim Cook celebrated his 30-year anniversary with MEE this September.

Cook has served as the Executive Director at MEE since 2014. Cook previously served in several roles within the organization.

Cook's first involvement with MEE took place while completing an internship through Winona State University. During the internship, Cook served as our vocational evaluator.

Cook later accepted a full-time position managing MEE's Community Employment program. He would later work as the Director of Adult Services before moving on to manage manufacturing services.

One of Cook's most notable accomplishments while working in manufacturing was the successful launch of Spirt Paper in 2002. Spirit Paper has since created over 100,000 hours of paid work opportunities for individuals with disabilities in our community.

As Executive Director, Cook's current focus is to increase the number of high quality housing options that are available for people with disabilities in our community. Under his leadership, MEE has grown its residential program to include five group homes. MEE recently purchased a sixth home. It is scheduled to open near the end of 2024.

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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