

Fall 2024 / Winter 2025



Renovations Underway at MEE's Seventh Residential Home



One of MEE's newest residential CILA homes got a major facelift this Fall with the addition of a brand-new driveway. The home also got a new roof and gutters. Opening a new CILA home often requires an extensive number of renovations and repairs. When complete, this home will provide services for five individuals each day. For photos of the interior renovations, please visit page 2.

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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.

News

Renovations Underway (Continued from front page)

The interior of our seventh CILA home is also getting a new look. New flooring has been installed throughout the home. A new kitchen, including all-new cabinets was installed. The bathroom is being completely overhauled with ease and accessibility in mind. The purchase of this home was made possible by the Craig Wilson memorial trust. Since 2017, the Craig Wilson Memorial Trust has allowed MEE to purchase and renovate six homes, which has allowed us to provide services to twenty-five additional clients each day.



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Members of the Don Morse Charitable Foundation presented Malcolm Eaton Enterprises with a check for \$150,000 in January. The funds will be used to purchase and renovate MEE's 8th residential CILA home. Pictured, from left, Brian Scott, Don Morse Charitable Foundation; Tracey Kempel, Director of Program Compliance, MEE; Stan Kasper, Don Morse Charitable Foundation; Tim Cook, Executive Director, MEE; Dan Lashinski, Secretary / Treasurer, MEE; Rob Jacobs, Don Morse Charitable Foundation; and Janey Morse, Don Morse Charitable Foundation.

Morse Charitable Foundation Helps MEE buy 8th CILA Home

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises (MEE) is pleased to announce the purchase of its eighth residential CILA home thanks to a \$150,000 donation from the Board of Directors of the Don Morse Charitable Foundation.

Renovations of the home, including a new roof, will begin this spring. The home is tentatively slated to open in late 2025. Once open, it will provide 24-hour supportive housing for six individuals with developmental disabilities living in Stephenson County.

The Don Morse Charitable Foundation has been a long-time supporter of Malcolm Eaton Enterprises and people with disabilities in our community. Over the past 12 years, through

generous donations from the Don Morse Invitational Golf Tournament, they have provided us with funds to purchase multiple paratransit vehicles and to make numerous facility renovations.

We want to sincerely thank the Don Morse Charitable Foundation for their generous support of people with developmental disabilities in our community!





MEE Replaces Two HVAC Units

This fall, thanks in part to donations from our annual fundraising campaign, we were able to replace two of the large HVAC units on our roof.

These units are used to heat and cool our building throughout the year. Each of these units has a cost of

\$20,000. We plan to replace the three remaining HVAC units over the next three years. We want to thank everyone who has supported our annual fundraising campaign in the past.

Big or small, your donations make a real difference in the lives of people in our community!

If you would like to help support MEE by making a donation, you can do so on our website via PayPal - or by mailing a check to:
 Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, 570 West Lamm Road,
 Freeport, IL 61032



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Raises Funds for MEE

The Freeport Knights of Columbus made a pair of donations to MEE this year totaling over \$3,400. The funds were raised during the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Each year, the Knights of Columbus collect donations and hand out Tootsie Rolls at several locations around Freeport. The Knights then donate those funds to organizations who support people with developmental disabilities in our community. We want to thank the Knights for their support!



Ken Conter of the Freeport Knights of Columbus hands a check for \$1,722 to Brian Babcock, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises in January. The Knights made an additional donation for the same amount in December.



Clients at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises help stuff envelopes for our annual fundraising appeal. Each year, MEE mails a fundraising campaign out to its supporters to raise money for a variety of facility improvements. Last year, the fundraising campaign helped us purchase two \$20,000 HVAC units for its building. We want to thank all of you who supported our fundraising campaign this year.



Happy Halloween!

Our annual Halloween party was a real “treat” this year. We had many fun activities for clients including crafts, games, puzzles and more. One of our staff members, Tony Sloan, even put on a special magic show that wowed the crowd.





Jacobs Family Makes Donation

On February 4, Members of the Jacobs family stopped by MEE to make a donation in remembrance of Garren Kruse. The Jacobs family were among the original group of parents who helped found our organization in 1966! Without their early support, and their continued commitment over the following decades, there would be no Malcolm Eaton Enterprises today. Pictured, from left, Phyllis Jacobs, Pamela Bardell, and Rod Jacobs, provide Brian Babcock, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, with checks totaling \$930.

Anniversaries

15 Years

Brian Babcock celebrated his 15-year anniversary in September. As our Community Liaison, Brian helps maintain our website and social media presence. He also helps coordinate multiple fundraising events and writes grants for the organization.



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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