

## September 2018

Welcome to the September issue of News and Views!

### Consumer Spotlight



## A Passion that Lasts a Lifetime

One of the most important things we do at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises is to promote choice, and encourage the people we serve to pursue their passions and interests.

For one person in our residential program, that means helping support a lifelong love of everything automotive.

John does not remember exactly when his love of cars began, but he started collecting them at a very young age.

Today, John's car collection is vast. He has hundreds of cars proudly displayed among two trophy cases and multiple shelves in his home. John has so many cars in his collection, that many of them are neatly stored for safe keeping.

John shares the same love for car magazines. He has hundreds of volumes, many dating back 20 or more years, neatly organized in his room.

In reading car magazines for so long, John has become

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Cub Foods Brat Stand

**November 22-23**  
Thanksgiving Break

**December 14**  
Institute Day  
*No Day Services*

**December 24-31**  
Christmas Break

### 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.*

somewhat of a car trivia whiz. When he shows off one of the cars in his collection, he is happy to talk about where the car was originally manufactured, and show where the engine and gas tanks are located.

When he meets people, he is interested to learn what kind of cars they drive so he can look them up in his magazines.

John's favorite cars are early Volkswagen Bugs. Volkswagen Busses are a distant but notable second. He also enjoys looking at sports cars, especially Mustangs and Corvettes.

When he is not reading about cars, John enjoys listening to his radio in his bedroom, hanging out with his roommates, and going on dates with his longtime girlfriend.

John's favorite thing about Malcolm Eaton Enterprises is that he gets to spend time with his friends.

## News



Former Malcolm Eaton Enterprises Board President Kam Stake poses with an award plaque at her final meeting as president on July 24.

## Kam Stake Completes Term as Malcolm Eaton Board President

Kam Stake completed her term as the Malcolm Eaton Enterprises Board President in July.

Stake has been serving on the MEE Board since 2005. During that time, Stake served a number of important roles including Secretary, Vice President and President.

She most recently served as Board president in 2017-2018, and was also Board President from 2013-2015.

## Our Motto



## Our Staff

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In addition to spending thirteen years on the Board, Stake spent eight years on MEE's Program Support Services, Behavioral Management and Human Rights Committees.

She is an active volunteer and has spent many years helping with the Golf and Games and the Pork Chop Dinner fundraisers, among others.

We want to thank Kam for the countless hours she continues to volunteer to help our organization, and for her ongoing support of individuals with developmental disabilities in our community!



Tina Mayberry, DT Production Trainer, grills and serves brats during the Don Morse Golf Invitational. Nearly a dozen staff from Malcolm Eaton Enterprises volunteer their time each year to help with the event.

## Don Morse Golf Invitational

On Thursday, July 12th, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises staff volunteered at the 7th Annual Don Morse Golf Invitational.

More than 150 golfers participated in the event.

Malcolm Eaton staff helped check the golfers in, grilled food, and monitored prize holes and contests.

The Don Morse Golf Invitational is our largest fundraising event each year. Funds from the event have been used to renovate the Malcolm Eaton facility and purchase multiple

### Fundraisers



### Partners



technology upgrades.

Malcolm Eaton is currently in the process of using funds to install an all-new phone system.

MEE would like to thank everyone involved with the Don Morse Golf Invitational for their ongoing and generous support.

## Staff Development



## Malcolm Eaton Staff Train to Use New Sit-to-Stand Lift

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises staff spent some time this month learning how to use a new sit-to-stand lift. The lift was purchased with funds awarded to Malcolm Eaton Enterprises by the Freeport Community Foundation.

The Freeport Community Foundation has been a longtime supporter of Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, and of individuals with developmental disabilities in our community. We are thankful to have their continued support.

The Freeport Community Foundation was founded in 1975 to create a lasting legacy of funds for organizations serving the people of Northwest Illinois. For 43 years FCF has provided a constant source of grant money for local non-profit charitable organizations.

For more information, visit [www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org).



## MEE Attends Training on Government Benefits

Clinical Programs Manager, Tracey Kempel, attended a training for Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professionals (QIDPs) hosted by the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF).

The training took place in Springfield, Illinois at the Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation on July 17.

The primary focus of the training was government benefits, with an emphasis on the difference between SSI and SSDI, as well as differences between Medicare and Medicaid. The presentation also emphasized the importance of preserving benefits for individuals with developmental disabilities.



### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Cub Foods Brat Stand September 28-29

This is a big one! Two days of grilling and serving in one of the most well-known fundraisers in the Freeport area! Not only do we get to raise money, but we get to spread awareness about who Malcolm Eaton is and what we do in our community!



**Volunteers still needed on Saturday, September 29,  
from 9:00-1:00 and 1:00-6:00.**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brian Babcock to check for availability:

**Phone: (815) 235-7181 x2115**  
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### Staff Anniversaries

We want to take a moment to highlight the staff anniversaries we have celebrated in August and September!

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## 10 Years

Sara Perez is celebrated her ten-year anniversary in September. As the Clinical Programs Assistant, Perez handles a wide range of duties including classroom scheduling, and reviewing charts for compliance.



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## 5 Years

Jennie Harvell celebrated her five-year anniversary in August. As our DT production coordinator, Jennie helps manage and coordinate all work training activities on our work floor.



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## 5 Years

Richard Hernandez celebrated his five-year anniversary in August. As a DT trainer, Richard works closely with consumers in our classrooms and helps them work on daily activities.



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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".

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