

run with me

5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, April 28

Runners! Start training now.

On Saturday, April 28 Stone Belt will host "Run with Me," a 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. The second annual event will be held at 2815 East Tenth Street in Bloomington. Proceeds will benefit Stone Belt programs.

The 5K will begin at 9 a.m. and the Fun Run will begin at 10 a.m. Check-in and event day registration for both races will begin at 7:30 a.m. Entry fee for the 5K is \$15 in advance and \$17 the day of the event. Entry fee for the Fun Run/Walk is \$10 (pre-registered or the day of the event). T-shirts will be given to all pre-registered entrants, with a limited number available on race day.

For the 5K, awards will be given to the top finisher, male and female, in each age group. All Run/Walk participants will receive a ribbon. Door prizes will be drawn after the races.

In addition to the race itself, there will be many other fun activities and attractions to round out the morning, including live music. Several area restaurants will be setting up booths to share free samples of their fare (every participant will receive a ticket for each restaurant).

This is the second year Stone Belt will host the 5K. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive from the inaugural event last year, and the agency made the decision to continue it as a key fund-raiser.

Last year "Run With Me" had about 160 participants including Stone Belt staff and clients, community

when

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where

Stone Belt Headquarters, 2815 East Tenth Street, Bloomington, Indiana

questions?

If you need more information or have any questions please contact Kyong Ge Williams at 812-332-2168, ext. 285 / email kwilliam@stonebelt.org.



members and running enthusiasts.

"This was my first 5K and Stone Belt made me and everyone else feel so welcome," said 2006 participant Vernie Kirkman. "Words cannot express how pleased I was to place third in my age group, but even had that not happened, I still would have enjoyed the event immensely."

Stone Belt client Aaron Birch symbolized the spirit and dedication of Stone Belt when he completed the 1-Mile Fun Run on crutches. He plans to participate again.

This year Stone Belt has coordinated an energetic committee of IU students working on three aspects of the event: volunteer recruitment, in-kind solicitations for raffle items and event publicity. Also, this year "Run With Me" is part of the "Magnificent 7" race series which will draw avid runners from all over the region.

"One of our goals this year is that "Run With Me" be

as much about community education and advocacy as it is about raising funds for the organization. We are poised this year to accomplish both," said Amy Jackson, Development Director.

To date, Stone Belt has secured over \$10,000 in corporate sponsorships and corporate in-kind gifts. Stone Belt thanks its sponsors for helping make this event possible. As of publication date these include: Gold Sponsor: Hand 'n Hand. Silver sponsors: Bloomington Paint and Wallpaper, Carlisle Brakes, Taylor Imprinting. Bronze sponsors: Edward Jones, Internal Medicine Associates, IU Credit Union, First Insurance Group, JA Benefits, Monroe Bank, Smithville Telephone, United Commerce Bank, Williams Brothers Pharmacy. Blue sponsors: Cook Pharmica, Employment Plus, Southern Indiana Pediatrics, Cereal Barn & Peanut Butter Cafe, Casablanca.

applebee's 5K fund-raiser

Stone Belt has once again teamed up with Applebee's to raise money for this year's "Run With Me" event. To help, simply cut out and present the below flyer to your Applebee's server on Tuesday, April 17 and/or Tuesday, April 24, 2007 during lunch, dinner or on any To Go order. For each order, Applebee's will donate 15% of your purchase to Stone Belt.

registration form

If you wish to participate in this year's 5K, simply cut out the registration form below and mail it back to Stone Belt in the enclosed, pre-paid donor envelope. Registration brochures are also available at all Stone Belt locations and on the website at www.stonebelt.org.

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T-shirt size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

(T-shirts will be given to all pre-registered entrants with a limited number available on race day)

I will be participating in (mark one):

- 5K Run (\$15 pre-registered, \$17 day of the event)
- 5K Walk (\$15 pre-registered, \$17 day of the event)
- 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (\$10 pre-registered or day of the event)
- I can not participate, but would like to sponsor a Stone Belt client for \$_____.
- I would like to make an additional donation in the amount of \$_____.

Total amount enclosed \$_____.

Payment method (circle one):

VISA MASTERCARD CHECK (payable to Stone Belt)

Name on Card _____ Card # _____ Expiration _____

Mail form and payment to:

Stone Belt Run With Me • 2815 East Tenth Street Bloomington, IN 47408

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WAIVER: I waive and release any and all rights, claims and damages against any sponsors, race directors and Stone Belt for any injuries suffered during this event. I understand the risks of running this race. If I am under 18 years of age, I understand that I must have my parent/guardian's signature in order to participate.

Entrant's or Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

upcoming events

MARCH 28

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Terry's Banquet and Catering. 3214 Canterbury Drive, Bloomington
Five outstanding employees will be honored.

• For more information contact Leslie Green at 332-2168, ext. 249 / email lgreen@stonebelt.org.

APRIL 17 & APRIL 24

APPLEBEES 5K FUND-RAISER

Applebees College Mall, 2800 East Third Street, Bloomington

Present the enclosed flyer to your Applebees server and 15% of your purchase will be donated to Stone Belt.

• For more information contact Amy Jackson at 332-2168, ext. 314 / ajackson@stonebelt.org.

APRIL 28

RUN WITH ME

Stone Belt 10th Street, Bloomington Registration starts at 7 a.m.

Registration forms can be found at www.stonebelt.org and at all Stone Belt locations.

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MAY 1 TO MAY 31

CLIENT ART DISPLAYED AT BLOOMINGTON CITY HALL

Bloomington City Hall, 410 North Morton, Bloomington

Art has become a staple in the City Hall atrium. Browse Stone Belt client work on display.

• For more information contact Leslie Green at 332-2168, ext. 249 / email lgreen@stonebelt.org.

MAY 2

CITY HALL ART RECEPTION

Bloomington City Hall, 410 North Morton, Bloomington. 5 to 7 p.m.

Meet the artists and learn first hand about the creative process involved in creating the pieces.

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from the CEO All people have contributions to make

What are you best known for? What are your special talents? How would your family and friends describe you? All of these questions allude to the many contributions you have to offer to the world. That's what Stone Belt's third Principle of Service is all about. *All people have contributions to make.*

Most of us want to contribute and to have a positive reputation. Our talents, skills and contributions help build our reputations, and collectively we build community by using these positive attributes of ourselves. Isn't it exciting that in the past few decades, people with disabilities are included in, and contribute to, their communities? Stone Belt is privileged that we, as support providers to people with disabilities, help facilitate these contributions. Furthermore we aim to make it possible for all stakeholders to learn, grow and contribute to the positive outcomes we achieve.



Daily I see things that help a client or staff member make a positive contribution. Our clients are involved in volunteer activities in all the communities we serve. Our client-produced art pieces exhibit the incredible talent of the artists involved. Local businesses benefit from excellent work done by their employees with disabilities. Our US military police have exceptionally high-quality leather belts, made by Stone Belt clients, as part of their uniform. Our staff is involved in many activities to promote the local community. All of these things and many more are examples of contributions made by people with disabilities. Our communities are indeed richer because of these accomplishments.

It makes the world a stronger and more dynamic place when everyone has meaningful ways to provide to the common good. This newsletter provides many examples of amazing contributions, including those of our clients, of community employers and of our generous donors. Thank you to all of our stakeholders for your ongoing involvement and support. Together we are building a better place for everyone.

Cheers,

Leslie Green, Chief Executive Officer

of note

ARTWORK TO BE DISPLAYED AT BLOOMINGTON CITY HALL

During the month of May, the City of Bloomington has invited Stone Belt to display an exhibit of hand-made mosaics made by client artists. Original pieces will be on exhibit in the atrium of the Showers Building (Bloomington City Hall). The pieces showcase a new project of Art & Craft, Stone Belt's art initiative.

Client artists have been busily preparing these one-of-a-kind collector's pieces (shown below right) for the month-long exhibit. The creative process begins with a client sketching a black and white image. The image is then enlarged and affixed with a variety of client-selected media in order to create the finished mosaic product. The end result is a beautiful, unique piece that represents the vision of the artist.

Featured in the month-long exhibit will be two very special pieces: a portrait of Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan (seen above right with artists Billy Setser and Joy McCune), and a group portrait of the Monroe County Council. Mayor Mark Kruzan visited Stone Belt on March 9 to be sketched by numerous client artists. One drawing was selected from among the artist submissions, and the final piece was created. Upon completion of the exhibit, this portrait, as well as the one of the City Council, will be permanently donated for display in City Hall.

An opening reception for the exhibit will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 5-7 p.m. at the Showers Building in Bloomington. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists, and learn first hand about the creative process. Information will also be available regarding the commissioning and purchasing of one-of-a-kind mosaics through Art & Craft.

A variety of other exhibits are being planned in the upcoming months. For more information on this and future exhibits, please contact Stone Belt CEO Leslie Green at 332-2168, ext. 249 / lgreen@stonebelt.org.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Stone Belt is pleased to announce the spring recipients of its \$500 educational assistance scholarships. Selected by the Executive Committee of the Stone Belt Board of Directors, these five employees received assistance for the Spring 2007 semester:

- **Pam Larr:** Behavior Specialist, Milestones. Pursuing an Ed.S. degree in Educational Leadership at IU to receive her LMHC licensure.
- **Michelle Carter:** SLP Caseworker, Bloomington. Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in special education at IU in the School of Education's Teaching All Learners program.
- **Sarita Mathers:** SLP Caseworker, Bedford. Pursuing an Associates degree at Ivy Tech College in Human Services.
- **Amanda Hodges:** Quality Assurance Inspector, Spencer. Pursuing an Associates of Science degree in Business Management from Indiana Wesleyan University.
- **Joel Allison:** Art Instructor, Columbus. Pursuing an Associates of Science degree at Ivy Tech College in Psychology. His long-time goal is to become a Behavior Specialist. Congratulations to all recipients. This program is funded through Stone Belt's development activities. Board member Ed Otting and his wife Mary Lou issued a challenge grant to raise funds for this program and for the Awards for Excellence. The grant was recently matched through a donation from the IU Evans Scholars group (see Page 4 to find out more).



Client Tom Brantley donated a wooden bird feeder to Stone Belt. The piece was placed in the 10th Street courtyard. One of Tom's hobbies is wood-working. Some other items he makes are key rings and napkin holders.

GIVING BACK

Stone Belt client Tom Brantley donated a wooden bird feeder to Stone Belt in December. The piece was hand-carved by Tom and placed in the courtyard of Stone Belt's 10th Street office. One of Tom's hobbies is wood-working. Some other items he creates are key rings and napkin holders. Tom has been a client at Stone Belt since 1999. He participates in Stone Belt's manufacturing and supported living programs.

Another hobby of Tom's is writing. Below is a poem entitled "I Love You, You Love Me, We Should Enjoy Boat Riding" he penned:

*I love you, you love me
I see the sun is as bright and warm as can be.*

*I love you, you love me
I hope you enjoy fishing or moving on a pontoon boat.
if you do we can go out on the lake and float.*

*I love you, you love me
I see the sun is as bright and warm as can be.
if you want you can come out swimming with me.*

*I love you, you love me
I hope you enjoy speed boat cruising
if you do you can watch me waterski*

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Stone Belt hosted an agency-wide Winter Wonderland formal dance for clients, families and staff members on February 25. The event was held at the Indiana University Memorial Union in Alumni Hall. Clients donned their best black-tie attire and glammed up for the event. Several Stone Belt facilities opened early the day of the event to help clients get ready. Staff and volunteers were on hand to apply makeup and style hair.

"It was girl central here," said Bitta DeWees, Director of Monroe County Day Services. "There was a nervous anticipation." Frank Porter and Betsy Higgins were crowned King and Queen of the dance. Burton Franklin and Richele Hartman received Best Dancer honors and Breanne Burriss and Michael Fields were named Best Dressed. The couples that won awards were driven home in a stretch limousine donated by an anonymous staff member.

Community donations provided free dresses and suits for many clients, as well as Mary Kay make-up samples, food at the buffet line and the O2R Blues Band.

"Smell my hair, I took two showers today," said client Nathan Priest the day of the event. "I even shaved. And I got this suit and this flower. It's attached to me."

CEO Leslie Green said she felt the event was exactly what it should be. "We'll definitely want to do something like this again."

GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

Stone Belt will be offering hand-crafted Mother's and Father's Day cards beginning April 1. These artistic client-created cards will be a unique way to show Mom and Dad how much they mean to you.

The cards can be purchased for \$2 each at the following Stone Belt locations:
• 2815 East Tenth Street, Bloomington
• 712 Stars Boulevard, Bedford
• 36 Concord Road, Spencer
• 1503 B Cottage Avenue, Columbus

A variety of other card themes are also available for purchase including, get well, happy birthday, thank you and congratulations.

"The cards are a collaborative effort between clients and staff," said Stone Belt staff member Twyla Gordon.

For more information, contact Leslie Green at 812-332-2168, ext. 249 / lgreen@stonebelt.org.



INAPSE CONFERENCE HONORS

Several Stone Belt staff members and clients attended and presented at the 16th Annual INAPSE, The Network on Employment conference, December 6 and 7 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis.

At the conference, Bitta DeWees (below left), Director of Monroe County Employment and Day Services, received the Rebecca McDonald Award. The award is given for outstanding leadership in a State Chapter of APSE. Bitta was recognized for continually supporting the idea that all people can and should have the opportunity to be employed and should reap all the rewards and benefits that come with being a working member of the community.

Also recognized with the Outstanding Employer award at the event was Indiana University's Cyber Cafe, a Bloomington employer that Stone Belt nominated. Retail Manager Nick Mitchell (below right) accepted the award. The award is given for outstanding achievement in enhancing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

To learn more about INAPSE log on to www.inapse.org.



Stone Belt receives \$21,300 from Dorothy Dugdale's estate

Maxwell House gets backyard renovations

Dorothy Dugdale, author, community activist, and a 65-year resident of Bloomington, recently bequeathed \$21,300 from her estate to Stone Belt.

Stone Belt was notified about Ms. Dugdale's estate gift via mail in May of 2006. Ms. Dugdale left Stone Belt a percentage of her estate, totaling \$21,300. In addition to Stone Belt, other agency beneficiaries of her estate included: Monroe County Salvation Army, Monroe County Red Cross, Hilltop Garden, Trinity Episcopal Church, Opportunity House, Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis and the Bloomington Hospital Foundation. The wording of the trust stated that funds to Stone Belt were to be used at the discretion of the Stone Belt board of directors with primary consideration begin given to the training of children.

With this in mind, the Stone Belt board of directors, determined that Maxwell House, a children's group home operated by Stone Belt, was the perfect choice as the recipient program of the funds. The 20-year-old house hadn't seen needed renovations to its inaccessible backyard since it was built in 1987.

"The kids just couldn't access their backyard. The hillside is steep and had no concrete or decking. Half of our residents are in wheelchairs. Even with a flat yard it's hard to navigate in wheelchairs," said Tonya Vandivier, Director of Stone Belt's Supervised Group Living program.

In order to create a functional backyard, the bequest was utilized in the building of a 30x18 deck off the kitchen, along with two long ramps to lead residents off the deck and into the yard. At the end of one of these ramps is also now a 16x20 concrete patio. The area is there so the children can park their wheelchairs and enjoy spending time outdoors while other children play in the nearby grass on to the swing set.

After the project's completion there was enough money remaining for the purchase of a new front loading washer and dryer. "The kids can finally reach the openings. It's a great training and teaching tool," said Tina Terrill, Maxwell House Manager.

Prior to the renovations, Maxwell's yard consisted of a

small deck off the kitchen and one steep ramp leading into the yard. There was also a small concrete slab on the side of the house where the barbecue is housed. This was the first attempt, a few years ago, to make the yard accessible.

"We thought it was great to have that small deck, but it really wasn't big enough for anything other than one small wading pool and a swing. Whenever a large group was out there it was very cramped," said Vandivier.

When the weather gets warmer, Maxwell House staff plan to utilize the deck for outside dining and playing in the wading pools. "A few of our kids with autism love the water. They will sit and splash in the pool for hours. The new deck will allow a few of them to be outside at the same time," said Terrill.

The project was started by All-Purpose Improvements the end of October 2006 and finished at the end of January 2007. In February other renovations were completed in Maxwell House including new carpet and tile throughout the house. These improvements were not funded as a part of Ms. Dugdale's bequest, but had already been written into the home's budget for this year.

The backyard improvements were presented on March 9 during an open house event at Maxwell where residents, staff, board members, family members and friends of Dorothy Dugdale celebrated the project.

"Dorothy would have loved this. What an amazing thing for the residents," said Kitty Burkhart long-time friend of Ms. Dugdale.

Despite the massive improvements already made, Vandivier can think of more that needs to be done. She would like to see a concrete path around the entirety of the house and an awning over half the deck for sun protection.

Everyone at Maxwell House is looking forward to warmer weather to utilize the decking. "The staff is excited because there is now a huge space where everyone can spend time outdoors together. The residents are excited because they will be able to spend more time outside. I'm happy to have a long-time goal finally completed. Thank you, Dorothy Dugdale," said Vandivier.



Maxwell House residents and staff outside enjoying their new deck. From L/R: House Manager Tina Terrill, resident Kevin Kelly, staff Brendan Carlton, staff TJ Mahoney, resident Aaron Myers, resident Jordan Cox, staff Kristen Seuberling, resident Sheena Abbs, resident Adam Jolliff and staff nurse Jennifer Jackson.



Maxwell House staff Brendan Carlton with resident Jordan Cox. "We love the deck and can't wait for warmer weather," said Carlton.



A group of Dorothy Dugdale's friends attended the event. From L/R: Patricia Agnew, Nancy Rayfield, Sue Robinson, Jean Anderson and Kitty Burkhart.



View of the new deck from the back of Maxwell House. The new deck measures 30x18. There are also two long ramps to lead residents into the yard.

Who was Dorothy Dugdale?



Dorothy Dugdale writing at her desk in 1998. Photo courtesy of Mark Hume/Herald-Times.

To really get to know the late Dorothy Dugdale, you must first understand her love for writing. She passionately believed in the power of the pen.

When Dugdale was a young girl growing up in Indianapolis, her father was forced to travel often for work. But everyday while he was away he wrote a personal letter to Dorothy or one of her five siblings. The warmth of those memories is one of the reasons why Dugdale remained a fervent believer in the power of the pen throughout her life.

A lifetime of letter writing undoubtedly prepared Dugdale for the daunting task of recording her memoirs in a book titled, *My Rear View*, which was published in 1989.

She decided to write the book after her sister, Kathleen, died in 1987 and her twin brother, James, died the next year on Christmas Eve. "I was so overwhelmed with grief that all I could think about was the fun we had growing up together. I began putting my memories down on paper," she said at the time.

Dugdale's book chronicles her childhood as one of six children growing up in what was then the prestigious Woodruff Place neighborhood in Indianapolis. Written with warmth and wit, the book recalls memories of milkmen deliveries, a neighbor who owned one of the country's first electrically powered cars and the day one of her brothers won a small crystal radio set with earphones and how they all huddled together in an upstairs bedroom on Memorial Day taking turns listening to the Indianapolis 500.

Dugdale has said in the past that one of her fondest childhood memories was finding her mom waiting for her each day when she came home from school. "She would greet us with a hug and give us bread with butter and jelly before we went outside to play," Dugdale has said.

My Rear View was originally written as a gift for Dugdale's seven nieces and nephews. She said, "I was the last of my generation. I thought they should know about their fathers when they were little boys."

Ten years after the publication of *My Rear View*,

Dugdale still wrote six to eight letters a week to family and friends despite a painful right hand and failing eyesight. "My philosophy is that every day you should do at least one thing to make someone else happy, and writing a letter is one way I can do that," she said in an interview. "Everyone enjoys receiving a letter, because you know the person who wrote it was thinking of you."

Besides becoming an author later in life, Dugdale also kept busy in her earlier years. In 1931 she graduated from Indiana University with a degree in psychology. After graduating she started working at the Indiana State Employment Service first in Whiting then in Bloomington, where she had moved in 1941. She was also an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Altrusa International and Delta Gamma.

Dorothy Dugdale passed away March 31, 2006 at the age of 99 at Bell Trace Living Center in Bloomington. Stone Belt salutes her passion for writing, living and learning.

development roundup



evans scholars donation

Stone Belt has received a \$3,250 contribution from IU's Evans Scholars in support of the Awards for Excellence Program. Funds provided will be utilized for 2007 employee continuing education scholarships and employee excellence awards. The funds were raised through a golf caddying event held at the Bloomington Country Club on October 1, 2006.

The Evans Scholars Foundation administers the nation's largest privately funded college scholarship program, providing full tuition and housing grants to deserving candidates. This year, 820 Evans Scholars are enrolled at 19 universities across the country, including 44 at IU.

Each chapter of the Evans Scholars selects a project for its philanthropic efforts. David Gatlin, an IU undergraduate responsible for organizing the fund-raising event, explained that one of the reasons that the Evans Scholars chose to partner with Stone Belt is that he has a brother with a disability. "I wanted us to contribute to an organization that helps people live independent lives. I was excited to learn about Stone Belt, because it impacts the lives of so many special people in our community."



breakfast @ the belt

Stone Belt has inaugurated a new program, Breakfast @ the Belt, for welcoming donors and potential stakeholders to our agency to meet with volunteers, clients and staff, to learn about agency programs and the latest initiatives, and to have a tour of the 10th Street facility in Bloomington.

The second Breakfast @ the Belt will be held May 15, and will include a presentation from Beth Gazley, board member and professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University. In addition, guests will hear from Babette Hall, a client who also serves as a board member, along with Leslie Green, CEO.

This event is open to anyone interested in attending. The morning will begin with a light breakfast, followed by upbeat and fascinating presentations and a tour of the facility. Our promise is to have guests out the door and on to their busy days by 9 a.m. sharp.

Breakfast @ the Belt is now held once per quarter, and has quickly become a wonderful way to bring community members into the Stone Belt fold.



stone belt east van donation

Stone Belt has received a generous donation of a wheelchair accessible van for use by two Supported Living clients in North Vernon. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Rolla Millsbaugh, a resident of North Vernon, Jana Watts and Tabitha Bryant (pictured above with Mr. and Mrs. Millsbaugh along with staff members Diane Downs) are riding in comfort and safety as they travel around the community throughout the day. This generous gift — a first of its kind for Stone Belt — has created a new level of independence and flexibility for these very deserving clients.

Making a vehicle contribution to Stone Belt is easy, and can potentially provide significant donor tax benefit. The first step is for a donor to contact Amy Jackson, Development Director, to discuss the availability and condition of the vehicle. Once it has been determined that the vehicle is the right match for the agency, Amy will walk the donor through the necessary paperwork, as well as the process of having the vehicle appraised and the condition of the vehicle certified. It is always advised that a donor speak first to a trusted financial professional before moving forward with a vehicle contribution.



www.GoodSearch.com

What if Stone Belt earned a penny everytime you searched the Internet? Well now we can! GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you still get great results.

Just go to www.GoodSearch.com and be sure to enter Stone Belt as the charity you want to support. Just 500 people searching four times a day will raise about \$7,300 a year without anyone spending a dime. There's even a place on the website that keeps a total of how much has been raised.

Spread the word to all your friends and family members. Imagine how much we can earn to support Stone Belt if our loved ones also participate in this program. This is a great way for members of our Stone Belt community to support the important work we do.

Inserted into this edition of Touchstone is a bookmark highlighting Stone Belt's Principles of Service and promoting www.GoodSearch.com. Use it to remind yourself that fund-raising for Stone Belt can be a part of your every day life.



president's luncheon

On February 19, President's Day, Stone Belt held a special luncheon at its 10th Street location to honor past presidents of the Stone Belt board of directors and former CEOs.

Eight past presidents attended, including: Irv Grossack, Kathleen Sideli, Charlotte Zietlow, Henry Upper, Don Hossler, Ron McGovern, Diana Baker and Phil Meyer. Also in attendance was former Executive Director Elbert Johns and Robert Burton, husband of original Executive Director Joan Burton.

Guests were treated to a catered luncheon by Middleway Food Works and then were entertained with a photo slide show commemorating Stone Belt's history and the role they each played in creating this history. After the presentation each honoree received a leather photo frame, made by Stone Belt clients at Leather Works, with their picture from their time at Stone Belt inside.

"The President's luncheon gave one a glimpse into the breadth and depth of this great institution. No president could be acknowledged without also celebrating the remarkable staff and, what has been over the years, a truly unique and amazing organization," said past president and attendee Henry Upper.



giving opportunities

Contributions of every size enable our clients to experience success in their lives. We encourage everyone to support the essential work of Stone Belt through participation in the Membership Program. A minimum annual gift of \$25 to Stone Belt automatically enrolls a donor as a member of the local, state and national chapters of Arc. Members then receive important updates on disability advocacy. As we move toward the close of Stone Belt's fiscal year, we hope that you will consider becoming a Stone Belt Arc member. The greatest benefit is the impact you will have on the lives of deserving individuals.

A limited number of NAP tax credits remain for purchase in this current fiscal year. A minimum gift of \$100 through NAP provides donors with 50% of their gift back when they file their end-of-year Indiana Tax Return. Donors can also claim the entire gift as a deduction on their Federal return. This is an outstanding way to extend charitable giving to Stone Belt, as a gift is worth more than twice as much as what it will actually cost the donor. Gifts to Stone Belt through NAP benefit the Milestones Program, providing clients with 2000 additional clinical hours each year.

If you are interested in learning more about any of Stone Belt's development initiatives featured on this page please contact Development Director Amy Jackson at 812-332-2168, ext. 314 / ajackson@stonebelt.org. She looks forward to telling you more about Stone Belt.

Local businesses recognized during awards ceremony



MOVIE GALLERY
Employer: Jason Howard
Employee: Cheryl Downs



INTERNAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATES
Employer: Brenda Pike
Employee: Chris Reinhard



TEXTILLERY
Employer: Myrna Hardy, Judith Rose, A John Rose, Judi Saxe. Employee: Caroline Moh



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
Employer: Laurie Ringquist
Employee: Cora Mae Slater

Stone Belt recognized ten area employers at the 13th annual Business Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by SIHO Insurance Services, March 6.

The awards were presented in conjunction with Disabilities Awareness Month to recognize outstanding contributions in promoting employment opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.

The event was held at the Bloomington Convention Center and attended by approximately 150 people. Stone Belt CEO Leslie Green welcomed employers, clients and guests while Bloomington Mayor Mark Krizan gave a proclamation announcing March 6, 2007 as Disabilities Awareness Day in Monroe County.

All of the employers at this year's event were honored for going above and beyond to provide an open and successful work environment to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Businesses were chosen after a selection process in which staff members nominated employers they felt went above and beyond in providing employment opportunities and support to employees. Nominations were then screened by a selection committee who narrowed down the field to choose the recipients.

During the event Stone Belt staff presented the award to the business they nominated. Their speeches included reasons why the business was being honored. Client employees also were given the chance to thank their employers.

Representatives from the individual businesses accepted the award. Read on to find out which businesses were honored.



MARSH EAST
Employer: Theresa Sims
Employee: Melissa Abbitt



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES
Employer: Linda Williams
Employment Consultant: Chris Straw



CRAZY HORSE
Employer: Scott Thrush, Ron Stanhouse
Employee: Terry Simpson



MEADOWOOD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
Employer: Susan Bookout, Ethel McCullough
Employee: Claudia Snyder



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Employer: Kevin Bundeshaw, Father Rich Litzau
Employee: Jeff Strauser



IU KELLEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Employer: Sheryl Garlich
Employee: Jeremy Williams

first person

Brenda Ikerd: Dancer, Singer, Bowler, Chef

By Brenda Ikerd and Irene (Jenny) Sender*

That's my records there, my stereo. I like fast music. I just love dance music. I get trophies sometimes at the bowling alley. I won a gold medal last year. Well I love bowling, but I don't like getting in the gutter. I love to karaoke. I dance with it: Swinging by John Anderson, Achy Breaky Heart, the Watermelon Crawl. I like to buy everything at the grocery store. I love to cook spaghetti and put cheese on it.

I like Bloomington a lot. I love the woods here but I don't go in them much. I love Jenny*. I miss her a lot. She takes me to work every morning. I want to stay at my job right there. I like getting them done and putting them in the box [parts for G.E. refrigerators]. I get paid Friday. I'm going to put it in the bank.

Glen's my man because I love to eat with him. We dance together. I love to talk with him. I'm going to take him out this Friday. I've known him for a long time. He asks to marry me. But I can't let him.

I love my mother. She's coming Sunday for Mother's Day. Gonna take her out to eat. Me and her might go to church, sing. We have acres of land where my mom lives. My dad has sugar diabetes. He lives in Bedford. He don't work no more. He can't do it. I have a lot of family on my father's side. I've got cousins and nephews. I go to a reunion every summer and I like to sing "We Are Family." I love my brother. He's bigger than I am. He lives in



Brenda Ikerd (at right) sits with her householder Irene (Jenny) Sender.

Florida and I don't get to see him. My stepdad built me a great big swing when I was a girl. My stepdad was a good father. He took me to the Sale Barn, he took me to yard sales, he took me everywhere. He worked at the mill.

Irene (Jenny): Brenda grew up in Bedford and went to the LARC Center (Stone Belt of Lawrence County) at an early age. I've known her since it was decided that she might try living in an apartment. A case manager introduced us. [to Brenda:] It's been three years, December 12th. We tried it out and it was pretty scary at first 'cause you didn't know me. That picture means a lot to me [photo taken a day after Christmas three years ago]. That was the

first smile I got out of you ... We're practically like sisters now. When you first moved in with me, you didn't like to do a lot of things because you were afraid of them. But there's a lot of things that you've done since then, like you flew on a plane, you went on a boat, remember Mark's house boat? And escalators!

Her dream forever has been to go to Disney World to see Mickey. When she got a back payment of Social Security that she was owed, I bought the tickets. I got them six months in advance and surprised her three weeks before we left. We spent five days there in the summer of 2000.

We walked and we done everything. We went everywhere. I singed and I danced ... Fireworks, graffiti falling on us ... People was nice there. You ought to go sometime. We was so glad to get home. We missed the cat and everything. The kitty was crying for us to get home. I want people to look at the pictures and smile. I love my pictures.

* Note: Irene Sender, whom Brenda calls "Jenny," her "roommate," is Brenda's householder.

☒ This story was compiled from Museum of the Person in Indianapolis. To find out more about telling your story through Museum of the Person visit www.bloomington.in.us/~mop-i.

arts week

Stone Belt a hub for creating ArtsWeek displays

Throughout January and February Stone Belt's 10th Street facility was a hub of activity for local artists, Indiana University and community groups and Stone Belt clients all preparing creative signage for ArtsWeek activities. The pieces were hung February 21 to March 3 on Kirkwood Avenue in downtown Bloomington and on the IU campus near the Fine Arts building.

With the theme "Technology and the Arts," the pieces developed at Stone Belt's studio space, under the direction of local collaborative artist Joe LaMantia, utilize the Yin-Yang symbol as the main art form depicting the diverse forces within the circle. Several community groups including Stone Belt, Pinnacle School, Visual Communication Department at IU, Bloomington Area Arts Council, IU's COPSPL Program (Community Outreach & Partnerships in Service Learning), LOTUS, Kinsey Institute and number of local artists, among others, each developed an art piece representing their perspective on the Yin and Yang of Art and Technology.

Each piece was based on a 4-5 foot diameter Yin-Yang symbol made of wood, then painted, with three dimensional elements applied to each side of the Yin-Yang and to the reverse side. The theme for Stone Belt's piece was medicine, including pill bottles filled with colored beads on one side and an artistic representation of protozoa, serotonin, bacteria and a virus on the other side symbolizing how medicine can impact one's quality of life.

"Inviting community groups to Stone Belt allows them to see a part of the community they otherwise might not. And allowing Stone Belt clients to participate with such projects empowers them," said Karen Holtzclaw, Stone Belt Art Instructor. "It's a wonderful way for (clients) to interact with the community which is a central part of our mission and the collaborative nature of ArtsWeek."

ArtsWeek is an annual collaboration of the City of Bloomington and Indiana University to celebrate the arts in our community.

☒ For more information about ArtsWeek, visit www.artsweek.indiana.edu.



Clients Jessie VanBuskirk, Denise Hillenburg and Missy Elliott create Stone Belt's ArtsWeek piece.

staff spotlight

Working at Stone Belt enriches staff member's life

By Rose Bolander
Stone Belt Employment Support Consultant

I love working for Stone Belt and I feel blessed to be here. It is not like any other business I have ever known.

At Stone Belt I have learned a lot. I have learned not to be embarrassed. Whether I am singing, dancing or playing basketball, I have learned to feel confident in my skills. Before I began working at Stone Belt, I never sang, except perhaps sitting in the pew at Church—and I certainly never danced. When I became part of this community, I would sing and dance during music class, and I gradually branched out, "performing" in many other places. Now, I also use singing and dancing to calm and encourage clients, modify client behavior, and get to know others. I've gained so many skills and confidences that have enhanced my life.

At Stone Belt I get to look at life from every perspective, using all my senses. To understand someone better we must learn to see life as they see it. At Stone Belt I get to do lots of fun things like visiting local parks, where I enjoy walking, swinging, and climbing the jungle gym. I never used to do this. I can encourage others who may be afraid to try these things because I've been in their shoes. It's such a thrill to hear someone who just slid down the slide for the first time say, "Let's do it again!"

At Stone Belt small steps are big accomplishments. Sometimes a goal can be as small as seeing someone put their hands in water under the faucet for the first time. In some cases staff has worked on accomplishing a task like this with a client for years. Reaching goals is celebrated by both clients and staff. As staff, we are a vital link in the lives of the individuals with whom we work. Sometimes I get so excited about an accomplishment that I just feel like jumping up and down and telling everyone. At Stone Belt no one thinks I am crazy because of it.

At Stone Belt, life and work are never boring. The wheels in my head are always turning, trying to think of new creative ideas and approaches to situations.

At Stone Belt, there is a sense of camaraderie. This transcends departments and social status. Coworkers support each other and share ideas. I feel just as comfortable talking with a fellow staff as I am talking with a supervisor or even the CEO. At Stone Belt we all value each other.

Stone Belt's mission statement says: "We believe in the uniqueness, worth and right to self-determination of every individual. Therefore, it is our mission, in partnership with the community, to prepare, empower, and support persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of the community." This statement holds true for its staff, as well. Stone Belt believes in the uniqueness, worth and right to self-determination of every individual member of the staff. Stone Belt prepares, empowers and supports its staff.

For me, working at Stone Belt is more than just a job. At Stone Belt we are valued not only for our accomplishments, no matter how small. We are also valued for our uniqueness. It is recognition of the individual uniqueness of each of us, and what we have to contribute, that when brought together empowers us all.

☒ To find out more about how you can join the Stone Belt team log on to www.stonebelt.org and click on the "Jobs at Stone Belt" link.



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Winter Wonderland

Clients attend Stone Belt's agency-wide formal dance. Find out more on Page 3.



Residents of Stone Belt's Simpson House all donned tuxedos to attend the Winter Wonderland dance. L/R: Jack Ouackebush, Virgil Michael, Adam Flinn, Jarrod Hobnes, Jonathan Henrich and Mike Collins. Find out more about the event on Page 3.

RUN WITH ME

5K scheduled for April 28. Registration form inside. **page 1**

MAXWELL HOUSE BACKYARD GETS ACCESSIBLE

Dorothy Dugdale leaves estate gift to Stone Belt. **page 6**

BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED

Ten area employers honored at annual event. **page 6**

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