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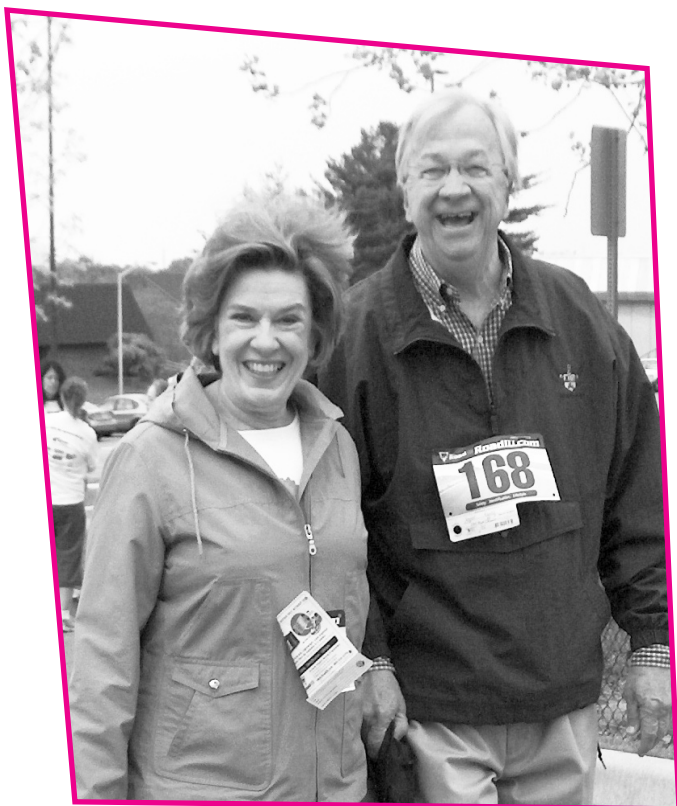
Stone Belt Board member Betty Davidson (right) and artist Sarah Fox at the "Love Spring Things" art exhibit at Bloomington City Hall

Our Mission

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 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to fully participate in the life of the community.



recent Stone Belt community awards



Left:
Board Member Emeritus,
Henry Upper, and



Right:
Pi Kappa Phi

received “Be More Awards” from
the City of Bloomington for
excellent community volunteer
efforts at Stone Belt

Left:
Shannon Gilbert, Stone Belt
employee, won an INARF award for
excellence as a direct support
professional

Right:
client Shawn King shows off a bag
of food that he collected for Hand
in Hand. Stone Belt’s Hand in Hand
program received a service award
from Community Kitchen in
Bloomington



Left:
Cindi Winegardner, Milestones
Therapist, was named Region 6
Social Worker of the Year by the
National Association of Social
Workers

Right:
Maureen Gahan, Milestones
Director, was awarded the
Hugh Laughlin Volunteer
Service Award from
Amethyst House in
Bloomington

from the CEO

You are helping to make everybody's life much richer because you support people with disabilities who live, work and make many contributions in the community.



Leslie Green

Leslie Green, Chief Executive Officer

I'm happy to be writing good news about Stone Belt to you. Overall, we have done very well at meeting our goals for this past fiscal year. Today I want to share a few highlights with you:

- Clients are making progress toward their individual goals in all programs, and it is especially notable that the work services clients are seeing achievement in 94% of their goals. We also received our Dock to Stock certification from Cook Inc., which indicates their high degree of confidence in our production quality in the Life Sciences area.
- The Employment program has helped 52 people find jobs in the community, exceeding our goal of 50. Project SEARCH, our young adult internship program that partners with Ivy Tech Community College and Cook Inc., graduated 6 interns in April, 3 of whom are now working. The project will soon start with 7 new participants.
- The Supported Living program has been helping clients fully utilize their budget allocation and has been facilitating successful transitions as people move into three person households. We have referrals for several new clients, who may be good housemates for existing clients.
- The new STEP program in Bedford, which focuses on work and community skills, is off to a very productive start while our Lifelong Learning program in Columbus has recently outfitted a multi-sensory space that provides a therapeutic environment for people with significant disabilities.
- Volunteer and community activities are continuing in the Bloomington Lifelong Learning program, benefitting countless community residents with food donations, recycling assistance, and meal distribution.
- Milestones services continue to grow, providing families with tools and resources to give their children the emotional and structural support they need. Our Columbus office is well established and is adding new clinicians to meet demand.
- Group homes have seen much continuity and stability, which has helped the clients thrive in their homes. Many clients participated in Sports Night, a partnership with IU student service learners that provided weekly activities with IU students. A visit from IU Varsity basketball players on one of these evenings was a special highlight.
- Self-Advocacy groups are flourishing in Bloomington, Bedford and Columbus, giving many clients the opportunity to become more empowered by learning leadership and advocacy skills.
- Our recent client survey shows that clients have high levels of satisfaction with the Stone Belt programs. They gave our agency an average rating of 4.43 out of 5 for all programs. Comments from the survey indicate that jobs and the ability to work more are really important, so we are doubling our efforts in our employment and work services programs.

As a supporter of Stone Belt, please know that what you do makes a difference in our accomplishments. You are part of something much bigger than you may even be able to imagine. You are helping to make everybody's life much richer because you support people with disabilities who live, work and make many contributions in the community. This stands as a sharp contrast to life in past decades when segregation and institutionalization were the norm. Even with the challenges that we face, you should feel accomplished for the part you play in creating social justice and life fulfillment.

upcoming events

- **Love Spring Things art exhibit**
July 1 - 31
The Love Spring Things art exhibit will be displayed throughout **July** at Bloomingfoods east and near-west side www.bloomingfoods.coop
- **Stone Belt Annual Celebration**
Monday, August 22 at 6pm
Stone Belt will hold it's annual celebration at the Bloomington Convention Center.
- **August Empowered Learning Series**
Thursday, August 25 from 10am - noon
Adult Sibling Responsibilities in Families with Special Needs
IU Innovation Center. Free and open to the public;
To reserve a seat contact **Yolanda Toschlog**:
812.332.2168, ext. 269 | communityengagement@stonebelt.org
- **1st Annual Hoosier Buddy Run**
Saturday, October 1 from 10a-noon
Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Martinsville, IN
www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org
- **4th Annual Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome**
Sunday, October 2 at 3pm
Fun for the whole family. Registration begins at 1pm. The walk begins at 3pm, with refreshments, prizes, and a concert to follow.
www.buddywalkinbloomington.info



Thanks to an anonymous donor, Stone Belt was represented as the honorary sponsor of a 2011 Girls Inc volleyball team. The "In Honor of Stone Belt" team, sporting their t-shirts with the Stone Belt logo, did an outstanding job on the court throughout the season. Stone Belt was honored to have been included in this important program which encourages girls to be strong, smart and bold. We always love having our name connected to partner agencies doing great work in the community. And the team did us proud. Well done, girls!

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in brief



Project SEARCH interns

On April 1, seven Project SEARCH interns celebrated their participation in the program. (Above pictured L/R): Kevin Chenault, Jacob Langham, Dustin Freeman, Anndrea Isom, Misty Lawyer, Brian Fiscus, and Ian Novak. Jacob Langham will complete the program with the next round of interns.

Project SEARCH is a one year internship program which provides training and education leading to the employment of young adult individuals with disabilities. Project SEARCH is a partnership between Stone Belt, Cook Inc, Ivy Tech Community College, Indiana Family and Social Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Indiana University’s Institute on Disability and Community.

As part of the program, interns spend 2 hours per day in the classroom at Ivy Tech, learning work skills such as resume development, interviewing skills, team building and work ethics. They then spend 4 hours each day working at real-world internships at either Cook Inc. or Ivy Tech. Upon completion of the program each intern will have worked at 3 different internships, developed a polished resume and a set of skillls, and ideally have secured professional employment in the community.

➤ To learn more about the program contact Bitta DeWees, Stone Belt Community Employment Director, at 812-335-3507, ext. 273 | bdewees@stonebelt.org

A New Look for The Arc

June 14 of this year marked the official launch date for The Arc (of the United States) re-branding campaign. Their new logo, displayed below, was designed to unify the image of the community and regional Arc chapters and to create national attention for, and recognition of, disability advocacy efforts.

Stone Belt serves as the local Arc chapter for Monroe County. Many chapters around the nation will now utilize the new Arc logo as their main visual identifier. However, chapters such as Stone Belt - which provide a wide array of services and programs in addition to their Arc advocacy efforts – will maintain their own visual identity while promoting and supporting The Arc’s new brand.

The Arc recognizes that service providers throughout the nation, such as Stone Belt, are a tremendous asset to The Arc’s voice and message, but that they need to utilize a unique visual image in order to best promote the myriad services they provide – often across county and Arc chapter lines. Because of this important recognition, The Arc has created a special category of Arc chapters: Arc Affiliates.

Stone Belt is now an official Affiliate of the Arc and will be co-branding. Readers of Stone Belt’s publications will begin to see this important image reflected in the agency’s materials, yet will continue to see Stone Belt’s logo in a prominent location as representative of the whole of the agency’s efforts.

“We will maintain our own unique identity while connecting ourselves with this strong and important national organization,” says Stone Belt CEO, Leslie Green. “Nothing will change in function or in name with Stone Belt. We are honored to be an Arc Affiliate, as well as a provider of choice in south central Indiana.”

➤ To learn more about The Arc, and its re-branding efforts, visit www.thearc.org



The electronic health record: stepping into the future of quality care

Through our Milestones Clinic, Stone Belt supports close to 3000 individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses, providing resources including psychiatry, therapy, behavioral interventions, social work, and nursing serves to children, adolescents and adults. All of these services require the keeping of detailed medical records, as well as the confidential transmission of information both among agency staff and between the clinic and other healthcare providers. As a replacement for outdated and less-effective paper record keeping, Stone Belt is now looking to implement a comprehensive cutting-edge Electronic Health Record (EHR).

An EHR is a complete record of patient encounters that allows the automation and streamlining of the workflow within a health care setting and between health care settings. This increases safety and positive supports through evidence-based decisions, quality management and outcomes reporting. The EHR also includes clinical messaging and e-prescribing.

With full utilization of an EHR, Stone Belt will actualize a significant number of exciting expected outcomes, including: improve the quality of care; reduce the risk of medication errors and allergic reactions; reduce staff to provider ratio; improve use of clinicians’ time; create rapid access to patient information; centralize, standardize and streamline medical records; reduce transcription costs; reduce patient waiting time; reduce medical records supply and prescribing supply costs; increase efficiency of administrative staff; improve patients’ access to their own information; increase workflow efficiency; create easier compliance with state and federal regulations; improve billing efficiency and revenue management; enable better reporting; and establish record recovery in the event of disaster.

By 2016, all medical and mental health providers accepting Medicaid reimbursements will be required by federal law to fully utilize an EHR. Stone Belt and Milestones are eager to get ahead of the curve by beginning to fully utilize an EHR in our mental health practice as quickly as possible. We recognize the tremendous benefit both to our agency and most certainly to the individuals and families whom we support.

Through effective mental health supports, Stone Belt and its Milestones Clinic create a broad and lasting benefit for the entire community. Individuals with disabilities – who do not have access to mental health services from any other community resource – avoid crisis, therefore living more successfully in the community and also alleviating pressures on hospital emergency rooms and other emergency-response services; children and families are provided with critical early interventions and supports which lead to a reduction in truancy, parent lost-work time, increased academic success, and healthier home environments.

Stone Belt is currently seeking grant funds to assist with the \$250,000 cost of the EHR implementation. To date the agency has secured \$7700 toward this goal, with much fundraising work yet to be done. Implementation of the EHR will now allow Stone Belt and the Milestones Clinic to provide even more far-reaching, extensive and effective strategies in order to create a mentally healthy community for everyone.

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STONE BELT'S 2011 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WINNERS



BOBBI WIGLEY QUALITY OF SERVICE

As one of the nurses for Stone Belt, Bobbi Wigley provides outstanding service to clients and staff throughout all of Stone Belt's service areas. Since starting with the agency in June 2006, Bobbi has not only coordinated nursing and other medical services to the clients of the organization, but has also trained numerous staff in medication administration and CPR. This teaching quality extends to clients as well, as she enjoys educating clients about their own health and wellness needs.

CASSIE MIX POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Recognized for her role in promoting positive outcomes, Cassie Mix was a key motivating force behind the "Food for Thought" food cart, a client operated business operating in the United Way Center in Columbus, IN. This business allows a client to run his own business and build social capital with people who work throughout the building while promoting healthy snack choices. Cassie has been an Employment Consultant with Stone Belt since December 2009.



EMILY MORGAN OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

A Home Manager in a Bloomington Supported Living site, Emily Morgan has been providing direct support to Stone Belt clients since April 2008. Emily's site is highly regarded for its effectiveness in not only the way it operates, but in the support each of the clients receive. Emily is regarded by her coworkers as someone with maturity, enthusiasm, and a healthy sense of humor!

JENNY AUSTIN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Having held various roles at Stone Belt since starting in October 1993, Jenny Austin is in a lead role for the agency in Project SEARCH. This role, a perfect fit for her skills and personality, places her as an instructor for a group of young men and women as they complete internships at both Ivy Tech and Cook Medical. Her communication and collaboration with partners are an asset to Stone Belt and the clients served by Project SEARCH.



MICHELE SHEPHERD RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

A model of efficiency who is often called upon by others to share her tips on being organized and effective, Michele Shepherd has ascended through the HR Department since starting in September 2000. Michele has been a guiding force in ensuring that every "i" is dotted and "t" crossed when completing accreditation processes through CARF and Praesidium. Even as she practices this efficiency, she remains accessible and easy to talk to for employees when they have questions about HR policies and benefits.

Stone Belt client makes his legendary mark

Thomas Grant Richardson, Indiana University graduate student

I am a graduate student at Indiana University studying Folklore and Ethnomusicology. I've been a fan of Lennon Beasley's work since the moment I happened upon The Lennon Beasley Drum Show on Community Access Television Services (CATS) in Bloomington. Although I did not understand it at first, I was instantly mesmerized. I knew nothing about Lennon, nothing about CATS, and very little about Stone Belt. But I knew I was witnessing something extraordinary. I related the experience I'd had to friends and colleagues, and quickly learned I was not the only fan of Lennon's work. Months later, I learned that Lennon was a client of Stone Belt, and I spoke with the agency and Lennon about doing an article. Stone Belt graciously extended an invitation, and Lennon was more than generous with his time. The following is a fan's appreciation of the art of Lennon Beasley.

The allure of performing is so prevalent that most of us have, at one time or another, sung our hearts out into a hairbrush, or struck a power chord on a tennis racket. Sometimes we recite soliloquies to the mirror, or twirl the coat rack around the room; our minds filling in the stage, the costumes, and the adoring spectators. The difference between most of our private fantasies and the dreams of Lennon Beasley is that while we instinctively close the blinds, Lennon proudly hits the record button on the camera.

Lennon Beasley was born in Indianapolis in 1981 and grew up in Indy and Martinsville. He moved to Bloomington in 2002 and became a client of Stone Belt. Lennon quickly began producing for CATS after seeing a flyer at the downtown Monroe County Public Library, where CATS is located, inviting locals to create programming. His first efforts included a talk show with his friend, and an episode called *Rehearsal Fun Show*.

Lennon has now produced over 1400 separate episodes across 40 distinct series, making him the most prolific producer in CATS history and earning him the title "Senior Legend Executive Producer" of Community Access Television. In honor of his 1000th episode on CATS, Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan officially declared September 24, 2010 as "Lennon Beasley Day."

Some of Lennon's projects have been short lived, with only a handful of episodes. More often his projects are long-running, such as *The Lennon Beasley Drum Show*, now nearing its 400th episode. Other examples of his diverse and vast output are: *Drums LIVE!* (drum show with added live audience), *Drum Instruments Today* (drums only, without accompaniment), *Musical Showcase Concert* (featuring horns, keyboards, and drums), *One Man Stand* (a split screen with Lennon playing both piano and drums), *Organ Studio*, *Percussion Studio*, *Piano Department*, *PianoInstrumentals Today*, and *Rock Around the Clock*.

The Lennon Beasley Drum Show is perhaps the most popular of his output. Any one of the close to 400 episodes of the show is essentially the same premise: Lennon sits at his drum set in his apartment. He puts on a CD (usually popular, easily recognizable, and enjoyable music) and he drums along - to the entire album. When the CD ends, so does the show. Lennon has simple criteria for his playlist: "I play whatever I like." The same

thing could be said of his guitar show, *Party Rock*, his *Bowling Show*, or his dance show, *Dance Floor*.

This is the artistic world of Lennon Beasley - a musician, writer, actor, and filmmaker who continually creates humble yet mesmerizing productions out of the everyday creativity of his ceaseless imagination. Lennon's output is so vast that he has created four different series, each with multi-episode seasons, a feature length film, and several shorts. But trying to separate Lennon's film output, once you have seen some, is to miss the larger point. Each episode is a piece in a larger creative work: that of the free form community video artist.

Lennon takes the community aspect of Community Television quite seriously. He is known and loved around the CATS studios, where he spends at least 40 hours a week, by his estimation. When asked if there was any other community member who produced as much as Lennon, one CATS staff member chuckled and said, "No one even comes close." His production also extends outside his own talents. Lennon produces *Tuesday Night Live Music*, which documents the Player's Pub (a local favorite in Bloomington) Tuesday Blues Jams. Additionally, he has created *The Lennon Beasley Monthly Report*, wherein Lennon details the monthly events of Bloomington.

Clearly Lennon is at home at CATS (he celebrates his birthday every year with the staff) and he should be. Two long shelves in the video archive labeled "The Lennon Beasley Collection" are a clear testament to an artist who has found a home to exercise his creative impulses.

In preparation for the writing of this article, I learned much about Stone Belt's guiding principles: the essential nature of self-determination; the belief that all people have contributions to make; the recognition that social life and relationships create quality of life. I became a fan of Lennon Beasley and his works of art because of his creative vision and his unique perspective on the world. What I have now come to understand is that Lennon embodies not only this creative spark, but also the self-determination to exemplify the values which make our entire community more complete. I'll be following the work of Lennon Beasley for a long time to come.



Lennon at the CATS studio

➤ catch Lennon weekly on CATS, channel 3 in Bloomington, during the Lennon Beasley Megablock - Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30pm.

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celebrating client contributions

Eric Ford, Lifelong Learning Coordinator

Mark Summit's audience sits in the sun drenched room at the Richland Bean Blossom Health Care Center, some with feet propped in recliners, some in wheel chairs, and a few pausing in the tiled hallway to catch a piece of the song. Some men and women sing with Mark, others listen quietly, and everyone who is able claps.

"Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me," Mark sings, while his slender fingers seek out the piano's keys, and his voice rises above the grand instrument as the last piano note fades into Friday afternoon's air. Mark concludes his nearly two hour long set and quietly contemplates the applause before giving an earnest "thank you" to his fans. Mark then reaches down for his cane under the bench and gently takes the arm of a Stone Belt direct support professional and bids his friends farewell.

Mark performs as a volunteer for the nursing facility every second and last Friday of the month. "He's been coming [for] several years, very faithfully," remarked Activities Director Cheryl Jacque. "It's amazing that he's blind. Our residents love him; [they] really appreciate him so much."

"Mark never ceases to inspire with his encyclopedic knowledge of piano tunes that he shares so joyfully and humbly. He's always glad to grant requests and recently even gave an impromptu performance at an unexpected talent show to great applause," explained Stone Belt employee Josh Glinis.

Mark volunteers through Stone Belt's Lifelong Learning Program. Stone Belt supports clients in a variety of volunteer settings including Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Monroe County Humane Association, Area 10 Agency on Aging's Meals on Wheels, Community Kitchen, and YMCA (just to name a few). Volunteer positions are a great source of social capital for individuals with developmental disabilities, yet another valuable opportunity to make friends, build peer groups, while showcasing personal talents and personality gifts.

➤ to learn more about Stone Belt's Life Long Learning Program contact Susan Russ, Director of Lifelong Learning, at 812.332.2168 ext. 229 | sruss@stonebelt.org



Mark playing a concert

engaging with the community

NAP Tax Credits are Back!

Stone Belt is extremely pleased to have had such great success with the 2010 NAP tax credit program. The State of Indiana awarded Stone Belt \$11,000 in NAP tax credits in July of 2010, and we were able to pass along these tremendous tax savings to our donors. Stone Belt donors utilized the entire allocation in only one month, raising \$22,000 in support of Milestones: Clinical and Health Resources - a Stone Belt program of excellence that provides much needed psychological and psychiatric services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Because of this generosity, Milestones was able to provide approximately 1500 more hours of clinical services in the first half of this year, enhancing individuals' efforts to become more independent and active members of our community.

Through NAP, a contribution to Stone Belt of a minimum of \$100 makes a donor eligible to receive 50% of the total contribution in tax credits – allowing the donor to receive half of a contribution back as a TAX CREDIT when filing an end-of-year Indiana tax return. In addition, donors are also eligible to claim the total amount of the gift as a tax deduction on an itemized federal income tax return, extending the savings even further. Therefore, a gift to Stone Belt goes more than twice as far! Not only does a donor earn a significant break on taxes next April; the gift also provides funding for a much-needed program serving individuals with developmental disabilities. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the essential work of Stone Belt while receiving an outstanding tax benefit in the process.

Stone Belt is pleased to have once again been awarded **\$15,000 for 2011 NAP tax credits – creating a fundraising goal of \$30,000**. The credits go quickly, so please be in touch with the Community Engagement Department as soon as possible if you are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful giving program.

Dancing with the Celebrities Recap

On Saturday, May 21, Stone Belt participated for the third year in the community-wide fundraising event, “Dancing with the Celebrities.” Fashioned off of the hit TV show, “Dancing with the Stars,” Six local celebrity dancers each learned dance moves and partnered with their favorite charity to raise dollars to support programs.

Our dancer this year was Michael Fox, general manager of Lennie’s restaurant in Bloomington and a Stone Belt Board Member. Michael worked diligently for 4 months to master his dance moves. During those 4 months, Stone Belt and Michael partnered together to hold a variety of fundraising events, including a client dance, private donor-hosted parties, mailings, dining-to-donate nights, and more. Through our fundraising efforts this year, **Stone Belt brought in more than \$47,000** to support programs of excellence – this is twice as much as last year, and more than the combined total of our first two years of participation.

We are tremendously grateful to Michael and all of the generous donors who supported Stone Belt in this effort. And Michael and his dance partner, Tiffany, looked amazing on the dance floor!

Recent Grants

Stone Belt has recently received 2 exciting grants: **\$7700 from the City of Bloomington Jack Hopkins Social Service Fund** to support the implementation of our transition to an Electronic Health Record. This is the first of what we hope will be many grants to fully fund this important new project. This grant will fund the purchase of some of the hardware needed to implement the Electronic Health Record through Milestones. We have also received **\$1000 from the local Rotary District** to purchase a set of therapeutic drums and a drumming curriculum for use in our multi-region Lifelong Learning Program.

✉ *For more information on any of the programs described above, please contact Amy Jackson, Community Engagement Director, at 812-332-2168 ext. 314 | ajackson@stonebelt.org*

People We Remember

Two Wonderful Women

Early this year, our Stone Belt community lost two special members, mother and daughter Mary Ann and Martha Hines. The Hines family began their relationship with Stone Belt when their daughter, Martha, enrolled in the Stone Belt day program and then moved into one of the agency’s group homes (Miller Home) in the late 90’s.



Tim and Mary Ann, Martha’s parents, have for years been major supporters of Stone Belt’s mission through their service work, advocacy, and visionary giving. Tim shared, “Martha has had a great impact on our family in so many positive ways. Because of her, the entire family is passionate about supporting individuals with disabilities.” Tim has been very involved in this cause by giving many years of service at multiple Arc Chapters, including Stone Belt, where he served on the board of directors from 1998-2010. His service was recognized publicly when he was honored at the Arc of Indiana 2010 Annual Appreciation Luncheon by receiving their highest award, the Sycamore Award. Mary Ann gave her time by participating along with Tim and Martha in various fundraising events and social activities at Miller Home and Stone Belt.

Sadly, Mary Ann passed away in January of 2011. Two weeks later, while the family did their best to cope with this loss, Martha suddenly passed away as well. Amidst the Hines family’s grief they continued to demonstrate their ongoing support for Stone Belt. The family requested that Mary Ann and Martha’s memories be honored through contributions to Stone Belt. When asked about how the family made this decision, Tim reflected, “It was a natural conclusion for us. We didn’t even need to think about it. Stone Belt has done so much for our family.” As a result, Stone Belt received more than \$7,000 in memorial donations from more than 100 donors.

Mary Ann and Martha touched the lives of everyone they met. As a result, many people responded with a tremendous show of generosity, positively impacting the whole of our Stone Belt community. Mary Ann and Martha will be remembered for their kindness, openness and warmth.

A Visionary Community Leader

Bill Cook was a well known local philanthropist and entrepreneur who passed away in April of this year. Throughout Indiana and beyond, people mourned the loss of such a prominent community leader. Mr. Cook was well known as the founder of Cook, Inc, one of the world’s largest manufacturers of medical equipment. At Stone Belt he was also known as a powerful advocate, employer, and friend. He partnered with the agency to actualize its mission to prepare, empower and support individuals with disabilities to participate fully in the life of the community. Mr. Cook helped make this possible by contracting with Stone Belt’s manufacturing services to provide work opportunities to individuals with disabilities.



Nearly everyone understands the vital role that employment plays in the lives of the general population. Yet many don’t recognize that it is equally important for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Cook understood. As a result of his visionary partnership, more than 400 Stone Belt clients have received meaningful employment in the life sciences industry.

Working in such an important industry has been a real boost for many clients. “They and their families have a true sense of belonging to the community and that what they do is very important. While making money is always a plus, to be proud of what you do and know that it is changing lives is even better,” said Karen Freeman Manufacturing Director. Stone Belt has been so grateful for this partnership, that the agency has awarded several recognitions to Mr. Cook and Cook, Inc. over the years, honoring their commitment and dedication to individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Cook’s visionary leadership and friendship to Stone Belt will always be remembered, and his legacy will continue on through the agency’s strong partnership with the company he founded.

Praesidium Accreditation

Stone Belt has been awarded accreditation by Praesidium, Inc., the leader in risk management. Praesidium accreditation is a prestigious honor that publicly demonstrates to clients, family members and the community – as well as insurance underwriters – that Stone Belt has worked to achieve the highest industry standards in abuse prevention.

To attain accreditation, Stone Belt underwent a rigorous risk assessment to review and scrutinize eight primary operational areas within its operations, including: policies, screening and selection, training, monitoring and supervision, client participation, feedback systems, responding and administrative systems. Assessment results were benchmarked against The Safety Equation – 800 best practice standards and empirically based data collection methods. Stone Belt will now be accredited for three years.

“We are pleased to send the message that we will not compromise the safety of those we support, for any reason,” said Leslie Green CEO. “As an entire organization, we are dedicated and committed to proactively keeping those we support safe.”

✉ *for more information on praesidium accreditation, visit www.praesidiuminc.com*



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Stone Belt extends appreciation to all our generous donors from December 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. We are grateful for their continued support.

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Art & Kay Dahlgren; World Arts, Inc.

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Don & Carol-Anne Hossler; George Langendorf & Katherine Taylor; United Way – Anonymous (1); VISA Inc.; Charles Webb

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