In a year where world and national news was most remarkable in terms of political uprisings, natural disasters, celebrity trials and the like, news from Stone Belt has, for the most part, been quite encouraging. Like the rest of the planet, we too have had to adjust to some new realities and determine our true priorities in the face of necessary changes. Despite this, we are happy to report that the status of our organization is strong and our commitment to our mission remains resilient.

Over the past year, we realigned our leadership to create a greater focus on program development. Moving from a structure that required one program director to oversee all the programs in a geographical area, our new structure gives each director a “specialty” area and responsibility only for that program. This allows them to concentrate their energies and expertise in one specific program of their expertise. This allows the Program Directors to learn all of the specific rules, regulations and structures of their program.

We have already begun to see the positive results of these changes. For example, curriculum development has been and will continue to be emphasized in our Lifelong Learning Program. Lifelong Learning and Work Service programs have both recently been named to emphasize their goal and scope. Both of these programs strive to be engaging and relevant while supporting clients to achieve their maximum levels of self-sufficiency and skill development. Those whom we support in group homes are achieving more because of the focus on staff constancy and excellence in leadership. While those who receive Supported Living services have perhaps experienced the most changes due to State budget adjustments, our Milestones clinical programs have continued to grow, particularly in Columbus, offering support to additional adult clients as well as children and their families. Our employment programs successfully supported 52 people in attaining new jobs in the community.

There were also several special events throughout the year that provided excitement and cause for celebration. We completed our second class of Project SEARCH, which helped 7 young adults gain significant work experience at Cook Incorporated and Ivy Tech Community College. We re-innovated our art program and created a successful exhibit at Bloomington City Hall in May. Our Columbus artists were featured in an art show at the Doug Otto United Way Center in Columbus. As a proactive step to assure that we provide the safest services possible, we obtained accreditation from Praesidium, an abuse risk management company. Along with our partners in Diversity Works – a business led team focused on employment for individuals with disabilities -- we recognized 10 local businesses for their excellence in inclusion of employees with disabilities.

2011 was a good year for Stone Belt. We want to thank our clients and their families, staff, volunteers and community supporters for the many ways in which you help Stone Belt to succeed. You have all contributed to improving the quality of life for Stone Belt constituents. Because of your involvement and support we remain very confident in our ability to meet our mission to prepare, empower and support people with disabilities to fully participate in the life of the community.

Sincerely,

Board President, Margaret Gilbride, CEO, Leslie Green and Stone Belt Client Joe Tamewitz
Fiscal Year 2011 Highlights

• Stone Belt exhibits current client art works at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center.
• Bitta DeWees, Community Employment Director, wins Arc of Indiana’s 2010 Professional Achievement Award.
• Tim Hines, board member, receives the 2010 Sycamore Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Arc of Indiana.
• “Food for Thought,” an agency-based employment initiative, begins in Columbus.
• “Love Spring Things” art exhibit opens at Bloomington City Hall.
• PUSH America Journey of Hope bicyclists visit Stone Belt during cross-country advocacy ride.
• Henry Upper, board member, and Pi Kappa Phi partner agency, receive “Be More Awards” from the City of Bloomington for service to Stone Belt.
• Project SEARCH concludes second cohort of interns.

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• Self-Advocates make annual legislative advocacy trip to the State Capitol.
• Stone Belt earns Praesidium Accreditation for risk management.
• Michael Fox, board member, participates in “Dancing with the Celebrities,” and Stone Belt raises more than $46,000.
• Stone Belt receives $10,000 from the Davee Foundation to support curriculum development.
• Stone Belt begins “Sport Night,” in cooperation with Indiana University’s service learning program.
• Amy Jackson, Community Engagement Director, receives Women Excel Bloomington award from Chamber of Commerce.
• Maureen Gahan, Milestones Director, receives service award from partner agency, Amythyst House.
the board of directors
The Stone Belt Board of Directors consists of 18-21 elected members. There are five officers including a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President. There is also a representative from the Lawrence County Arc as well as a Stone Belt client representative. According to board by-laws, at least five members must be family or guardians of individuals with developmental disabilities. Each year the Board of Directors adopts a written service plan identifying goals and objectives which promote Stone Belt’s mission. They also evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of Stone Belt programs and policies.

the executive team
It is the work of many dedicated individuals that gives Stone Belt the success that it has today. Stone Belt’s Executive Team represents staff responsible for each executive program or service within the organization. These individuals are charged with managing the day-to-day activities of the organization.
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The oldest and largest agency of its kind in south central Indiana, Stone Belt has been providing innovative supports and education to individuals with disabilities since 1959. Begun by nine visionary families wishing to create educational opportunities for their school-aged children, Stone Belt has grown to include residential programs, employment resources, life skills and vocational training and clinical services, all which enable individuals to live self-directed lives of significance and meaning. Stone Belt has remained at the forefront of the field — pioneering essential changes and implementing programs that touch thousands of lives each day.

We believe in the uniqueness, worth and right to self-determination of every individual. It is our mission, in partnership with the community, to prepare, empower and support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of the community.

Our community is stronger when every individual experiences success. Stone Belt embodies core principles that empower and support all people to experience their greatest potential.

Our Principles of Service are values utilized to reach toward excellence every day:

Self-Determination is Essential. People have the right to self-determination. They must have opportunities and experiences that enable them to exert control in their lives and to advocate on their own behalf. We teach and provide information for people to make choices as well as take responsibility for their own decisions.

Learning Creates Empowerment. Obtaining information and skills gives a person personal power. All of our services emphasize learning and skill acquisition in areas that are suitable to each person’s interests, age and cultural background. We emphasize activities that are purposeful to the creation of a fulfilling life.

All People Have Contributions to Make. Each person has unique capacities, gifts and talents. It is the aim of our services to further develop these assets in each person served and employed. We strive to provide opportunities for self-advancement as well as to enhance each person’s capacities to contribute to the greater good of the community.

Positive Supports Provide the Best Long-Term Results. Individuals should have access to personalized supports that are, positive, help them learn new skills and responsibilities, provide alternatives to challenging behavior, offer opportunities for choice and social integration, and allow for environmental modifications.

Home Life Must Be Self-Directed. People should be empowered to live in community housing of their own choosing, which is accessible and affordable. Stone Belt provides flexible services that follow the person in their chosen home, including supported living arrangements, group homes or the person’s family home. Support provided by Stone Belt within those settings are arranged around the individuals’ wants and needs.

Employment is a Fundamental Part of Adult Life. Our culture strongly values work and one’s identity is often closely associated with one’s career. People with disabilities have the right to rewarding and successful careers that demonstrate their competencies and give them opportunities to be successful in their desired employment. Stone Belt offers a variety of work opportunities and supports, which include assistance moving from school to work, career planning, skill development, job advancement, and retirement planning.

Social Life & Relationships Help Create Quality of Life. A great deal of one’s emotional fulfillment is due to the relationships one has with family, friends and co-workers. We are committed to supporting clients to develop and maintain fulfilling, independent relationships that range from acquaintances to life partners. In addition we assist clients in maintaining strong relationships with family members wherever that is desirable and appropriate.
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why giving matters

Our entire community is stronger when everyone is given the opportunity to experience success. For over a half century, Stone Belt has pioneered many important advances for people with developmental disabilities. We are honored to support 2,500+ individuals to live self-determined and meaningful lives. We thank our donors for their ongoing generosity, which makes it all possible.

Unprecedented cuts in the summer of 2010 to the state Disability Medicaid budget made it ever more crucial to partner with visionary community members who recognize the value of quality resources. The drastic budget cuts, coupled with a decrease in individuals’ funding, forced Stone Belt to reduce salaries and benefits, and eliminate key staff positions. The impact of all of these combined short and long-term cuts was a stress on core programs and a decreased level of independence for our clients.

Stone Belt is determined to continue providing programs of excellence. Our dedicated staff remains some of the best trained in the field; our innovative clinical practice continues to provide cutting-edge mental health resources; our residential, employment and education programs are bustling with life-changing activity.

Giving takes so many forms at Stone Belt, and all gifts of resources, time and talent have a lasting impact. Stone Belt celebrates its individual donors, corporate sponsors, foundation givers, advocates, service learners, volunteers, and lay leaders. Without these extraordinary friends, we could not experience the success that we do.

The words of one of our donors tell the true story of why giving to Stone Belt matters. “From my first moments in Bloomington, my interactions with the Stone Belt community fueled my interest; when the opportunity was presented to serve on the Board of Stone Belt, I gladly accepted. The agency provides the Stone Belt clients unbelievable support and development opportunities. To see this growth and development materialize absolutely touches my heart. It is so uplifting to hear their stories and we first-hand live change daily by the Stone Belt staff. I give to the agency because I am blessed. I give because of the good it brings and I give because I want to help make a difference in someone’s life.”

Our thanks for all our stakeholders do to insure that Stone Belt remains at the forefront of the field. Their friendship supports all core programs of our agency, and has a truly significant, lasting and direct impact in the lives of our clients.