The Arc of Indiana was formed in 1956 by families committed to making a difference in the lives of their loved ones with a developmental disability. Families continue to make a difference by connecting their time, talent, and energy to the local and archdiocesan levels of The Arc.

In honor of The Arc’s 50th Anniversary, The Arc of Indiana is profiling families whose commitment to The Arc has made a difference as well as families who have been impacted by the programs and services their loved ones have received from a local chapter of The Arc. The following families are ones who both participated in Stone Belt services and Monroe County’s Lawrence Arc (LARC) services. Carolyn Abbitt has been a participant in practically every program Stone Belt has ever conceived. She will... her parents and other parents like the Abbitts, she has certainly had many opportunities to reach her greatest potential.

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upcoming events

December 28
Lawrence County Arc and Stone Belt of Lawrence County Annual Meeting
6 to 7 p.m.
Stone Belt 10th Street Main Conference Room
Meet to discuss a planned dinner and awards presentations.
For more information contact Kim Hodges at 812-332-2168, ext. 200 or email khodges@stonebelt.org.

October 3
Self-Advocates Meeting
Stone Belt 10th Street Main Conference Room
Meet to discuss a planned dinner and awards presentations.
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November 4
Sweet Owen Industries Arc and Stone Belt of Owen County Annual Meeting
6 to 7 p.m.
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November 5
Self-Advocates Meeting
Stone Belt 10th Street Main Conference Room
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November 14
Aktion Club Meeting
Mike Gladych, 11th Street & Russell Road
Meet to discuss a planned dinner and awards presentations.
For more information contact Mike Gladych at 812-332-2168, ext. 201 or email mgladych@stonebelt.org.

New Years Day Holiday
Sunday, Stone Belt's 10th Street Main Conference Room
Stone Belt's day program facilities and offices will be closed.

October 19
Job Club Meeting
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Stone Belt 10th Street Main Conference Room
What Not to Wear to Work. Come see the best “What Not To Wear” local TV show on our facilities’ TV screens.
For more information contact Tracey Redier at 812-332-2168, ext. 205 or email tredier@stonebelt.org.

October 13
Friday Night Club Meeting
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Stone Belt 10th Street Main Conference Room
This is a social and support group for residents and staff that has been very successful this year.
For more information contact Larry Redier at 812-332-2055 or email lredier@stonebelt.org.

October 24
ASSESSMENTS SEMINAR
9:30 a.m.
Stone Belt's 10th Street Main Conference Room
A two-day training will take participants deeper into the first step of understanding what behaviors are, why they happen and how the functional assessment process can lead to proactive solutions.
For more information contact Larry Redier at 812-332-2168, ext. 205 or email lredier@stonebelt.org.

November 12
Behavioral Function Assessments Seminar
8:30 a.m.
Bloomington Convention Center
For more information contact Ron Dinger at 812-332-2168, ext. 201 or email rdinger@stonebelt.org.

December 6
Winter Holiday
Stone Belt's 10th Street Main Conference Room
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January 1
New Years Day Holiday
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Journey of Hope makes a stop at Stone Belt

By Cheryl Paul

Publisher’s Special Announcement

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Stone Belt was notified in May that its 10th Street headquarters would once again be a stop on the riders’ journey. Word spread throughout the organization that the cyclists would be coming through on the afternoon of July 26. The ride started at 11:30 a.m. at the front lawn and included stops in the community building, and at the first stop on a huge doughnut shaped sign that says “Welcome to the community.”

The cyclists were greeted by the Stone Belt community, “We love having you at Stone Belt and we’re glad you’re here,” said one of the workers. “We are riding to spread a message of acceptance and hope,” said one of the cyclists. “We often hear people say, “What a nice job to just be doing what you’re doing,” but more times than not Family Support Specialists work with families that are experiencing extremely stressful times. A family needing food, their electric bill paid, a job, day care. “We’re riding to spread a message of hope,” said one of the cyclists. “The family and the mother being able to say, ‘I will have an opportunity to find a job’ is very important.”

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Contribute to Stone Belt through a purchase of NAAP credits and receive the $50 gift card as a credit on your next Indiana Development Director fee.

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Contact Amy Jackson, Development Director for NAAP or NAADP at 332-2168, ext. 314

We use these funds to support our comprehensive team of professionals who offer services to clients with developmental disabilities. This gift card provides a way for you to support Stone Belt through your professional work.

program spotlight

Saluting Healthy Families’ contributions

By Vicky Austin

Program Manager, Healthy Families, Monroe County

For the past two years, I have worked at Stone Belt as the Program Manager for Healthy Families—Healthy Communities. In that time, Stone Belt made the strategic decision to focus on the development and implementation of a comprehensive approach to expanding the Healthy Families Program in Monroe County, a cost-effective program organized around a network of primary care providers and community partners.

The Village is the largest Healthy Families program in the state of Indiana and serves families and children from across seven counties served through volunteers from programs. It is a well researched model that we utilize in the Village and in other programs to help keep our services affordable and sustainable.

One of the goals of the program at Stone Belt is to continue and facilitate a part of the Village. We no longer have the “fraternity” feeling that was the “trademark” of Stone Belt. Because the Village works closely with other Healthy Families sites throughout the state, we no longer utilize the “fraternity” feel. With Healthy Families, Stone Belt was able to work with our partners to focus on building alliances among clients and providers.

I have been fortunate to be a part of the Stone Belt community for the past 15 years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff I’ve worked with and the families I’ve served. I have been struck by the incredible talent and dedication of the staff that I’ve met. It’s inspiring to be a part of this collaborative environment. We cannot do this without the support of the community and I would like to thank each one of you for your continued support.

Contact Info

The Village is the largest Healthy family network in the state of Indiana. This Healthy Families office will be located at: 4642 East Indiana St.

Inquire about the Healthy Families program: 812-961-2056 (fax)

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Fun Day 2006
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IN HIS OWN WORDS
Stone Belt client Donnie McGinnis writes about a special trip to Alaska.

IT’S NAP TIME
Information about how to donate to Stone Belt and receive a great tax credit.

LOOKING BACK
Remembering Healthy Families as it transitions to a new provider.

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

Changin Lives
A complete guide to working at Stone Belt.