Get Involved

Special Olympics Indiana-Monroe County would not exist today without the commitment of its volunteers. The group relies on the dedication and selflessness of volunteers to provide a special and unique opportunity to experience the excitement, joy and personal fulfillment associated with sports training and competition.

Are you interested in volunteering? Do you want to find out if you or a family member is eligible to participate? Contact Special Olympics Indiana-Monroe County at Call 812.325.1548 or Email specialolympics@kiva.net. The group is proud to work with nearly 200 Special Olympic athletes and their families. Contact them today to find out more.

The group is part of the international network of accredited Special Olympics Programs that reaches more than 7.5 million athletes with disabilities worldwide. Since Kenneth Stager founded the organization in June 1962, the group has fostered or state-sponsored funds, is not a United Way Agency and relies entirely on corporate, civic and individual donations.

Special Olympics is not only about athletic competition but is also an opportunity for athletes to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and share gifts, skills and friendship with others in our community. Athletes of every skill level and experience are welcome. Participants have opportunities to compete and participate in various competitions including regional and state tournaments as well as the Special Olympics Summer Games held each year in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Stone Belt has approximately 11 clients participating in a variety of Special Olympics sports. Meet four of those amazing athletes below.

Track Star

Marcus Odum participates in Special Olympics swimming and bowling.

Why do you participate in Special Olympics sports? Because I love sports and the Special Olympics is for everyone. I love the torch.

My favorite thing is winning medals. How did you make the decision to join Special Olympics? My love of sports started when I played football a long time ago and I wanted to play sports again. I can’t live without sports.

How has sports personally changed your life? It makes me feel good about myself. What makes a great athlete? A good competitor. Why do you participate in Special Olympics sports? Because I love sports and the Special Olympics is for everyone. I love the torch.

Water Siren

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My favorite thing is meeting new people. I love to talk to them, tell them good luck, congratulate them. Plus it’s a great exercise outlet. How did you make the decision to join Special Olympics? My love of sports started when I played football a long time ago and I wanted to play sports again. I can’t live without sports.

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King Pin

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My favorite thing is scoring 150 in bowling. This year I’m going to the state tournament for bowling. How did you make the decision to join Special Olympics? I was six when I rode a horse for the first time. My friends and animal learning services encouraged me into the sport. I love being in the saddle.

How has sports personally changed your life? It has really increased my social life. What makes a great athlete? Good sportsmanship. Telling others that they did a good job.

Horse Whisperer

Robert Pate participates in Special Olympics equestrian and bowling, basketball and softball.

Why do you participate in Special Olympics sports? Because I love sports and the Special Olympics is for everyone. I love the torch.

My favorite thing is learning how to play the sports and getting better at the sports and becoming a sighted guide. How did you make the decision to join Special Olympics? I pay attention to John and try to not get distracted while riding.

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upcoming events

March 14 (8 pm) • March 27 (2 pm & 8 pm)
Miss Stone Belt presents new production of the Broadway musical Applause at 47th and 9th Streets. Tickets are available in person or by calling 812-332-2168. April 11, 2010 event is available for those with special needs.

Lawrence County Governor’s Breakfast—October 13, 2010 at 7:30 am
touchstone is sponsored by a program of the American Association of University Women, Inc. to provide chemical dependency education to women.

the Wall Street Journal

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One of our favorite things to do is to give tours of our Stone Belt facilities to members of the community. One thing that I believe is very important is showing them the beautiful and helpful individuals in our community. One of the best ways to do this is to show them the people who are making our community better. It is also the best way to educate them about the needs of our community.

One of the most enjoyable things about being an agency is that we are able to create a positive environment for people to grow and develop. This is possible because we have a strong foundation on which to build. This foundation is built on the knowledge that we are providing the best care possible for our clients, and that we are creating a safe and supportive environment for them.

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CAMERA 2009 a year of celebration

January

• At I.C. Hotel in Bloomington.
• Stone Belt celebrates opening of the $7,500 for MILESTONES Milestones Program in which four dynamic volunteer directors, fourteen energized and creative performers, and three dedicated community partners.
• Milestones: The original theatrical production, I AM YOU! Now in its second year, premieres at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater.

February

• Stone Belt offers its clients a new opportunity: to receive a visit from a professional musician who will come away with a greater understanding of the ways in which all people contribute to the building of community.

March

• In the fall of 2009, Stone Belt expanded its efforts in Bartholomew County by relocating its programming to the United Way Center in Columbus, Indiana. Included in this move was the expansion of the program to include an increase in space for the agency's educational initiatives.

April

• Stone Belt achieves its goal of 1,000 visits to Bloomington's new City Hall.

May

• Stone Belt announces the third annual celebration "launches" bus in the City of Bloomington.

June

• For the City of Bloomington hosts a Citywide Birthday Party for all its citizens.
• Stone Belt hosts 15th Anniversary Milestones awards celebration at the Bloomington Central Library.

July

• I AM YOU is a joint fundraiser for Stone Belt and the Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP). There will be two performances of this year's I AM YOU monologues at the BPP located at 107 W 9th Street, Bloomington, IN. Join us:
  - Saturday, March 6 @ 8 pm  |  Sunday, March 7 @ 2 pm

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The arts

Flora Carlin (1907-1993) was one of the most original and colorful figures in the world of American art. A masterful sculptor, she was a pioneer in creating beautiful and meaningful work that reflected the values and ideals of her time. Her work was both innovative and accessible, and she was able to express her own unique vision through her art. She died on April 22, 2003, but her legacy lives on in the form of the Flora Carlin Sculpture Garden, which was established in her honor and is located in the heart of the city of Bloomington. The garden features a number of Flora Carlin's works, as well as other pieces by contemporary artists. It is a beautiful and peaceful place to visit, and it is a fitting tribute to the artist's life and work. FLORASCARLINART.COM

If you go

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Recent Grants & Gifts of Note
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**Anniversary Year Brings Great Success**

Stone Belt now offers an easy and convenient way to support our general fund. To our general fund can now be made online using PayPal.

**Fiftieth Anniversary Recap**

Stone Belt is fortunate to employ approximately 500 individuals to fulfill our mission to prepare, empower, and support people with disabilities to achieve independence and meaning in life. Just last year, we celebrated our 50th anniversary, which was celebrated with a three day event. The event included an open house, a fundraising effort on behalf of the agency, and an open house.

After the site visit, references and the required background checks are completed and, assuming all is positive, an offer of employment is made. After the offer is accepted, a pre-employment drug screen must be passed before a start date and training is scheduled.

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Athletic Connections
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What is a DSP?
An Inside Look at the DSP workforce

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 participate fully in the life of the community.