A Touchstone reporter sat down with Michelle Davenport, Stone Belt Curriculum Developer, to discuss the third successful performance of I AM YOU.

**Touchstone**: What does I AM YOU mean to the Performers?

**Michelle**: I AM YOU is a very important tool for the Performers to build social capital and forge friendships that last. Many of the actors have been able to build on this event and really blossom socially.

**Touchstone**: How do you see I AM YOU evolving?

**Michelle**: I could see more Community involvement during preparation leading up to the performance. I could also see this becoming a full length non-fiction, performer dictated production.

**Touchstone**: What is MOST enjoyable about I AM YOU?

**Michelle**: I AM YOU is an incredibly deep and personal look into the lives of client-performers for myself and the community. I think hearing the stories of the performers touches not only myself and the community but their peers as well. It’s a really positive experience for everyone.

To learn more about I AM YOU contact Michelle Davenport, Curriculum Developer and Instructor, at mdavenport@stonebelt.org | 812.332.2168 ext. 229.

In March, 9 writer-actors performed monologues in front of a packed audience at the Bloomington Playwright’s Project.
from the CEO

“Joy! -- That’s what I experience in my work”

This was my recent Facebook post. Let me share what brought me to exclaim this. This is easy because in the course of the daily happenings throughout the agency, there are so many things going on that serve to create this feeling. Just in the last month or so, we experienced I AM YOU, Stone Belt’s theatrical monologues that inspired and moved the audience to tears and laughter; we had a lively Lotus Blossoms concert that had everyone clapping and drumming to the beat; we had an incredible accreditation survey that brought high praise from our surveyors; and we gave Awards for Excellence to five outstanding employees, who each shared moving testimonials about why they enjoy their jobs. There were countless other joyful moments throughout that agency due to personal accomplishments, the gift of friendships, and the satisfaction of doing jobs well.

But with all these good things going on, we are by no means living on Easy Street. We have faced challenges and anticipate even more due the political and financial winds of change. Many of our on-going assumptions about how things work have been and will need to be continually examined, and we will need to make adjustments accordingly. However, we are taking the stance that we will not simply complain about it. Instead we will continue to take an active role in the process of change - by providing input whenever possible to influence or mitigate the impact of State changes, by remaining actively engaged with our Federal lawmakers, and by demonstrating our value to the local communities in which we serve. When changes do come, we will look for opportunities available within those changes and we will work diligently to minimize whatever negative impacts they may bring. We may not always “win” but we always use our mission and values as the guidepost to decide how we must respond. It has worked so far and I’m pleased to say that, relative to all we have confronted over the past several years, we are doing pretty well.

And that brings me to all of you – our constituents. It is because of you that we are able to stretch our resources so far. We are grateful for the staff, whose strong commitment to meaningful work helps to make our achievements possible; for the families that put their trust in us to meet the desires and needs of their loved ones; for the volunteers and donors, who give of their time and personal resources, bringing a margin of excellence that helps our programs stand out; and to our partners, including funders, referral sources, and other agencies who help to create a network of support throughout the community. Most importantly though, it is the clients who continue to achieve their life goals, buoy the morale of everyone, and create joy. I hope you’ll take pleasure in this edition of Touchstone, which will highlight for you the many, many ways joy has been and will need to be continually examined, and we will need to make adjustments accordingly. However, we are taking the stance that we will not simply complain about it. Instead we will continue to take an active role in the process of change - by providing input whenever possible to influence or mitigate the impact of State changes, by remaining actively engaged with our Federal lawmakers, and by demonstrating our value to the local communities in which we serve. When changes do come, we will look for opportunities available within those changes and we will work diligently to minimize whatever negative impacts they may bring. We may not always “win” but we always use our mission and values as the guidepost to decide how we must respond. It has worked so far and I’m pleased to say that, relative to all we have confronted over the past several years, we are doing pretty well.

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Definitions of Autism

An expert panel appointed by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) has proposed that the new version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) change the current definition of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), in part because of shortcomings in how it is currently used for diagnosis. The new definition would do three things. First, it would eliminate the previously separate categories of Asperger syndrome and pervasive developmental disorder, not otherwise specified, from the diagnostic manual. Second, it would fold these disorders, together with “classic” autism, into the single category of ASD. Finally, it would change the criteria for diagnosing ASD.

Under the current definition, a person can qualify for an ASD diagnosis by exhibiting at least 6 of 12 behaviors that include deficits in social interaction, communication or repetitive behaviors. Under the proposed definition, the person would have to exhibit three deficits in social interaction and communication and at least two repetitive behaviors. The APA has also proposed that a new category be added to the DSM – Social Communication Disorder. This would allow for a diagnosis of disability in social communication without the presence of repetitive behavior.

Based on a recent study, some experts are suggesting that many individuals who currently meet the criteria for ASD, especially those who are more cognitively capable, would no longer meet criteria for ASD. If so, the new criteria could result in discrimination against people who are more cognitively capable.

These changes could create challenges for people on the Autism Spectrum. Stone Belt and The Arc encourage you to share your feelings about these changes by contacting your representatives.

building community, Hand in Hand

Eric Ford, Stone Belt Lifelong Learning & Hand in Hand Coordinator

In 2004, Don and Carol-Anne Hosker of Bloomington established a volunteer project called Hand in Hand, with a two fold purpose: to provide the community with an easy and practical way to regularly contribute non-perishable items for donation to a local food bank, while providing their son, Jonathan – a Stone Belt client – with an opportunity to have meaningful daily volunteer service work within the community as he transitioned from the high school experience to adult life. The project began when the Hoskers approached Stone Belt and Community Kitchen, and both agencies agreed to provide the necessary staffing and resources. Today, Hand in Hand has expanded to a successful program of close to a dozen clients involved daily in professionalized volunteer employment, with over one hundred households contributing weekly.

How it works: Neighborhoods are assigned a weekday on which clients and their Stone Belt staff collect food donations from participating households. Donors leave their contributions in specially designed weather-resistant tote bags, outside of their front doors, on the designated day. As clients and their Direct Support Professionals collect the full bags, they leave empty tote bags with reminder cards specifying the next pickup date.

Hand in Hand is now in its eighth year. What began as a volunteer project for one Bloomington resident with disabilities has grown into a professionalized volunteer employment opportunity and an enormously successful collaborative partnership between Stone Belt, area residents, and hunger agencies in three counties (Community Kitchen in Monroe County, plus area food banks in Bartholomew and Lawrence Counties). The Program has now received local, regional and national attention, with awards and funding from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, the City of Bloomington Be More Award, and the Auntie Anne’s Pretzel Company Foundation.

Hand in Hand has created an avenue for greatly increased community philanthropic spirit, has significantly increased the level of total food donations to area hunger organizations, has created an opportunity for joint community-wide education about both hunger and citizens who are differently-abled, and has provided an avenue for Stone Belt clients to contribute their efforts in service to others. The project has provided individuals with disabilities with an opportunity to demonstrate self-determination.

The Hand in Hand Project is now looking to expand! The program is currently seeking new neighborhoods and participant households in Monroe, Lawrence and Bartholomew Counties. We welcome inquiries about joining an existing neighborhood route, and also about creating a new neighborhood – we’d love to partner with you to make that happen! Once involved, contacting Stone Belt for changes in routes, needed breaks from the project, or moving notices only requires a phone call or email.

Hand in Hand participants can enjoy knowing they are aiding in providing food resources for their communities, providing meaningful work and positive experiences for Stone Belt clients, and adding to the general excellence of our communities and Stone Belt’s programs at large.

Self Advocates: making their voices heard

Nancy Smith, Director of Central Region Supported Living and Self Advocates Advisor

Self Advocacy is a civil rights movement for people with developmental disabilities. The Self Advocacy movement seeks to give people the tools and experiences to take greater control over their own lives. The mission of Self Advocates is to ensure that people with disabilities are treated as equals and that they are given the right to make decisions about their own lives, pursue their own hopes and dreams, and have the same chance to speak up and empower themselves as others do. People must have a voice in public policy decisions affecting them, and in decision-making in all areas of their daily life. The motto of Self Advocates is “nothing about us, without us,” meaning that although individuals may call upon the support of others, they have the right to make decisions about their own lives without unnecessary influence or control by others.

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) is the United States’ self advocacy organization, and our state organization is Self Advocates of Indiana. Self Advocates of Indiana has quarterly meetings, and sponsors conferences and other events that the local groups attend. Stone Belt client Angie Ehlers serves as a Regional Representative on the Board of Self Advocates of Indiana.

Self advocates in Bloomington, Bedford and Columbus hold meetings on a monthly basis with the support of Stone Belt. Each group has elected officers, and “advisors” who take a supportive role while remaining as “invisible” as possible, assisting only if needed. The groups consist of clients not only from Stone Belt, but also from other agencies. The Self Advocates have a full agenda at their meetings and often have guest speakers and trainers who present a wide range of topics, including leadership development and legislative advocacy.

There is an emphasis on development of assertiveness skills, public speaking practice, learning about rights and responsibilities, legislative and funding updates, and other relevant topics. Advocates have been involved in numerous projects, including an interactive disability awareness presentation that they planned and implemented in an elementary school, a project with a Human Rights class at Indiana University, and assisting in the formation of new Self Advocates groups. Advocates recently participated in the annual Valentine’s Day event at the State House, where they met and interacted with State Representatives.

Self Advocates want to have a positive impact on their communities, and have been involved in volunteering and fundraising to benefit different causes in the community. They have also planned numerous fundraisers, including candle and t-shirt sales, dinner dances and parties, a talent show, rummage sales and other events in order to participate in the many conferences they attend. They have become fund-raising experts.

Self Advocates believe in being actively involved in decisions that impact people with disabilities and in advocating for positive change. Several advocates participated in the Building Leadership series hosted by the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Partners in Policymaking, and numerous Arc of Indiana-sponsored trainings and events. Advocates have attended conferences at both the state and national level; they especially look forward each year to the two-day conference sponsored by the Indiana Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn leadership skills, improve their knowledge and network with friends from all over Indiana.

Advocates work together to improve their own lives and the lives of others. According to Jacqueline Babette Hall, Vice President of Self Advocates of Monroe County and a Stone Belt board member, “The Self Advocates movement has taught us how to stand up for ourselves and to help others to stand up for themselves. I have learned how to be more assertive and to say what I feel.”

In brief

House Representative Todd Young (R-9th District) and Stone Belt Client Victor Sarno pose for a photo during Young’s April visit to Stone Belt to learn about challenges facing the Disability Community.

hand in hand
a program of Stone Belt

For more information on the Self Advocates, contact Nancy Smith at nsmith@stonebelt.org | 812.332.2168 ext. 226.


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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
WINNERS

POSITIVE CLIENT OUTCOMES
MARY KATE BRISTOW
Mary Kate is warm and sincere in her work with clients and staff while being an advocate for client independence and rights.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
JOSH JACKSON
Josh has been a frequent support to clients getting involved in the community, whether it’s through attending fun events like the county fair or presenting their stories to legislative leaders.

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY
KYONG GE WILLIAMS
Kyong Ge is one of the biggest reasons Stone Belt has successfully integrated client records into an electronic database, and she serves as the point of contact for State inquiries.

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE
SHAWNA ARNESEN
Shawna helps oversee all facility-based programs for the Lifelong Learning program, and has been the driving force behind both the newsletter committee and the client garden now gracing the 11th Street courtyard.

QUALITY OF SERVICE
DEE DEE BORDELEAU
After nearly 22 years of service to Stone Belt, Dee Dee Bordoleau is a pillar of strength and dedication for the Bedford-based clients of Stone Belt.
On April 28, the city of Bloomington and Indiana University became the temporary home to 22 enormous, anatomically correct fiberglass brains—each designed by a different community artist. This project is the brain-child of one of Time Magazine’s “100 most influential people,” Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor of Indiana University. Stone Belt has been centrally involved in this unique and extraordinary project.

Taylor, JU neuroanatomist (brain scientist), knows a thing or two about brains. Taylor suffered a rare massive stroke 16 years ago during which she endured life changing, “out-of-body” experiences. It took Taylor more than 8 years to reconstruct her brain functionality. Since Taylor’s recovery, she has expanded her strategies for brain education to include art and recreation.

Taylor’s current project, The Brain Extravaganza!, has now descended upon Bloomington and the Indiana University Campus. Sponsored by Taylor’s BRAINS, Inc.—an organization which promotes brain awareness, appreciation, and education about the brain——The Brain Extravaganza! celebrates the idea that the more people understand the workings of the brain, the more people will be inclined to take care of it.

This one-of-a-kind project involves the creation of huge artistic renderings, each one reflecting one perspective of the beauty and purpose of the brain. The project has been supported through sponsorship by local businesses. Artists—selected through a comprehensive application and vetting process—have worked for months to create close to two dozen gigantic, fiberglass brains for both indoor and outdoor display from now through October 2012.

Stone Belt was approached by Dr. Taylor several months ago to participate in The Brain Extravaganza! in two special ways. First, Stone Belt was asked to be the home of the creative process. During the last four months, dozens of community artists have utilized Stone Belt’s workshop space for their mental masterpieces. In addition, because of the reputation of our clients as talented community artists, they were invited to create one of the brains. Stone Belt’s hosting of the project has provided client artists with the opportunity to work side by side with community members, and has allowed the entire community to have greater insight into the lives (and brains) of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Stone Belt clients have worked in partnership with collaborative local artist, Joe Lamantia, to create a dynamic brain for placement inside Jordan Hall on the IU Campus. WTIU serves as the corporate sponsor of the Stone Belt brain. The Stone Belt brain is as unique as the artist that developed and created it. The brain is covered in the same material as the highly-regarded Stone Belt client arts, including wallpaper swatches, various yarns and other repurposed materials. The brain also includes quotes from the client artists themselves.

The base of each piece in the project includes a plaque which provides educational facts about the human brain. Community members can visit a website for a map outlining the location of each brain, information on both the artists and sponsors, and details of on-going community celebrations for the project. The website also provides a downloadable interactive smart phone application which highlights project information, and allows users to create their own “brain art.”

The Brain Extravaganza! is a wonderful new community project for the Stone Belt client artists, adding to the lengthy list of public exhibits of their works which can be found in various parks, area businesses, local non-profits, the set of a public television program, to name just a few. In addition to the permanent Stone Belt Art Gallery in downtown Bloomington, these public displays educate people on the role individuals with disabilities play in beautifying the community.

The Stone Belt Arts Program provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to expand their capacity for self-expression, develop new life skills and work professionally in the arts. Creative exploration provides an outlet for self expression, identity transformation and the sharing of one’s personal story. Stone Belt envisions “the arts” very broadly— including visual, performing and culinary arts—and strives to provide a diverse offering of experiences through its education programming. The goal of Stone Belt’s art exploration programming is to bring individuals with disabilities together with talented community members for in-depth learning and collaboration. The Brain Extravaganza! has been yet another excellent opportunity for Stone Belt clients to be fully involved in their community.

For more information on The Brain Extravaganza! project, including a map of locations, details on artists, sponsors and special events, and to download the smart phone application, visit www.jbtbrains.org.
It has been said that life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage. By giving to Stone Belt, I support programs that help people live absolutely enormous lives.

Stone Belt Board Member,
Justin Harrison

I support the special understanding between parents whose children have been forced to cope with too many medical procedures. I support family dinners at the Miller Home, where the bond between clients would be the envy of any family in Indiana. I support the young mother who asked to serve as her older brother’s guardian when her parents died. I support the college student whose desire “to do something good” caused her to forego weekend nights at parties in favor of working overnight in one of our residential locations. I support the artists who made the mosaics that add a touch of whimsy and beauty to the stodge conference rooms in my office. I support the special brand of joy that radiates from a community more inclusive, courageous and positive than any I know. Stone Belt does not walk away from these challenges. Like the community it supports, Stone Belt simply does what it must to keep pressing forward. Every problem is not solved, but every life is expanded. I give because the need is tremendous, and because I want to support these inspirational, enormous, and courageous lives.

Six months into the life of the Stone Belt Art Gallery in Bloomington, and business is booming! The Gallery – located in the lobby of the Bloomington Playwrights Project – boasts six wall spaces featuring 45 pieces of professionally framed and hung pieces of client art. Open five days a week, with special weekend evening exhibit openings and receptions, the exquisite original works of our clients are now accessible to the entire art-loving (and buying!) community.

Since the installation of the gallery, more than fifty pieces of original client art has sold. With the sale of each piece, the majority of the purchase price goes directly to the artist, with a commission paid to Stone Belt to cover the costs of framing and supplies. Artists with disabilities are given a wonderful opportunity to showcase their artistic gifts and earn valuable income as professional creative people. A number of our artists are now regularly sought for their unique perspective, and new artists are joining their ranks each day in the Stone Belt Art Studios.

Stone Belt has been approached by the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, which has chosen to establish a permanent Stone Belt art exhibit in their educational buildings. This is a tremendous honor for our agency and for our artists, as the Kelley School is known for its discriminating taste in art – the walls of their buildings are expertly curated with art works from throughout the globe. Pieces by our client artists will now be included in a world-class exhibit viewed by thousands of visitors each year. The Kelley School has now purchased twenty pieces of client art, and will be organizing an opening reception of these works at the Business School in the fall of this year.

Stone Belt client artists have also been commissioned to create four special mosaic banners for the law offices of Andrews Harrell Mann Carmin in Bloomington. Featuring iconic images and local landmarks, these banners now adorn law firm conference rooms and their library. This permanent installation adds to the growing list of Stone Belt art works in businesses, non-profits and parks throughout the community.

The Stone Belt arts program continues to grow, with studios being established in both the Columbus and Bedford Lifelong Learning Programs. Artists in all regions of Stone Belt services are now creating unique pieces for exhibit and sales. Stone Belt is in the process of coordinating display opportunities in both Columbus and Bedford, to give these artists an opportunity to showcase their works in their own local communities.

Stone Belt expresses its tremendous appreciation to its Bloomington community partner, the Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP), for its continued support and encouragement of the Stone Belt Art Gallery. The visionary leadership of the BPP has allowed Stone Belt to take exhibition of client art works to a new professional level. The Stone Belt Art Gallery truly represents a client-focused business which supports the values of the entire agency: self-determination is essential; learning creates empowerment; and all people have contributions to make!

The Stone Belt Art Gallery can be visited Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm, and “Gallery Walk” first Fridays, 5:30-8 pm. The gallery is located at 107 West 9th Street in Bloomington. For more information contact Iana Lashbrook, Art Gallery Coordinator, at artgallery@stonebelt.org | 812.332.2168 ext. 269.
Ston Belt is sad to announce the February 2012 passing of dear friend, generous supporter, and visionary leader, Edward Otting.

After a lifetime career as an executive at Eli Lilly and Company, Mr. Otting spent a number of years of his retirement as a member of the faculty at the IU Kelley School of Business. He had a long history of impactful volunteer community involvement in both Indianapolis and Bloomington. Disability advocacy and services were at the top of his list of causes because of his intense commitment and love for his daughter, Angela, an individual with disabilities. He held numerous leadership positions in both the Arc of Indiana and Noble of Indianapolis. When Angela became a resident of Stone Belt’s Miller Home, Mr. Otting dedicated his volunteer life to the Stone Belt board of directors and the Stone Belt Development Committee. He graciously served the agency for more than a decade.

Mr. Otting, along with his beloved wife Mary Lou, shared tremendous generosity with Stone Belt over the years, including a matching grant which allowed the agency to raise significant funds for the renovation of its group homes. The Ottings also generously helped to establish the Stone Belt Excellence Fund, which supports on-going recognition of exemplary staff through annual awards and scholarship opportunities. Their visionary understanding of the importance of honoring the hard work and dedication of disabilities professionals has had a lasting impact on the agency.

The Ottings also significantly inspired the transformation of generations of disability educators through the establishment of the Otting Chair in Special Education at Indiana University.

Amidst the Otting family’s loss, they have continued to demonstrate their ongoing support for Stone Belt. The family requested that Mr. Otting’s memory be honored through contributions to the agency. As a result, Stone Belt received more than $5,000 in memorial donations, all of which have been utilized to support programs of excellence for individuals with disabilities.

Stohe Belt shares its condolences with Mr. Otting, Mary Lou, and daughter, Angela. He will be missed by our entire agency family. He created a lasting legacy which will positively impact our Stone Belt and disabilities communities for decades to come.

**Remembering a Great Man, Edward Otting**

Stone Belt extends appreciation to all our generous donors from December 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012. We are grateful for their continued support.

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- Pat Freeman; The Otting Family

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- Randall & Rae Kirk

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- Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County

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