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Making a Difference

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Good News at Last!

It’s good to give news! If you’ve been reading this newsletter for the past few years, you know that the challenge we are facing with Stone Belt is significant and overwhelming. The need to create employment opportunities for our clients continues to grow, and we must do all we can to support our clients, families, and the community.

We are happy to report that Stone Belt’s Meals on Wheels program has seen a tremendous increase in funding. This program has been vital in helping us to continue providing meals to our clients who are unable to cook for themselves. The increased funding will allow us to provide even more meals to those in need.

Furthermore, Stone Belt is excited to announce the launch of our new website. The website is designed to be user-friendly and to provide easy access to important information about our programs and services. It also includes a new feature where clients can make donations online.

In addition, Stone Belt is proud to introduce three new board members: Dan Lodge-Rigal, Trish Bushey, and Doug Wilson. These new members bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our board, and we are grateful to have them on our team.

We also want to thank all of our donors for their continued support. Your generosity has made it possible for us to make these important improvements.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Leslie Green
CEO
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One of the many services provided at Stone Belt includes clinical and health resources. Our Milestones Program addresses both the whole child and the family. The focus on children’s needs is vital. It is our responsibility to create healthy differences for the young lives we serve. With this focus, we serve more than 2,000 children, adults, adolescents, and families on an annual basis.

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Our clinical services include:

- Individual counseling
- Play therapy
- Couples counseling
- Groups counseling
- School assistance
- School management
- Support groups
- Staff training and consultation
- Program development
- Families/caregiver support and education
- Case coordination

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BEHAVIOR SERVICES
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To ensure your clients, families, and providers to have access to the best care possible, we offer a wide range of support services. Our Milestones Program assists children and adults with special needs.

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Nicolas Lyford-Pike participates in Stone Belt’s Lifelong Learning Program in Columbus. Nicolas is one of Stone Belt’s many success stories. He has made a positive impact on the world, not only by being a changed person, but also by creating a positive change in the world through his artwork and his own personal journey.

It’s good to give good news! If you’ve been following us on our journey over the past two years, you know that the challenges we face daily are not easy. The economy has hit hard, but we have been able to make significant improvements in wages and benefits for our employees. Many of our programs have been disrupted, but we have continued to provide essential services, and our commitment to excellence has not wavered.

Throughout the year we will continue our efforts to improve our programs and the Direct Support Professionals, giving them the tools, skills and information that they need to be successful. Our Board, the development staff and all of our supporters have been working hard to improve our services and our support to our clients.

We give our heartfelt thanks to the many Stone Belt supporters that joined in our efforts and made their commitment. Since he discovered his love of art, Nicolas Lyford-Pike has been dedicated to making art and sharing his talent with others. We are happy to have any of you come visit and learn more.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Nicolas Lyford-Pike is a pathologist by trade, and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Brittany & DJ find professional fulfillment in lifework

At Stone Belt, we believe that employment is a fundamental part of daily life. Our Community Employment Program empowers people to obtain meaningful job opportunities, earn fair wages, and find fulfillment in their work.

EMPLOYERS: Do you want a talented workforce? Do you want to improve your public image? Do you want to be part of something positive?

• Handicap Costs
• Developmental Disabilities
• Assistive Technology
• Employment Assistance

GIVING THANKS TO YOU

Theatrical community offers a glimpse of the world

El dorado & friends: A special challenge

BUSINESS COMMUNITY: How can we help you?

1. Connect your business to people of all ages and abilities.
2. Create a positive image in your community.
3. Encourage community acceptance and inclusion.
4. Improve your business' bottom line.

Ways to give:

1. Donate a smoothly.
2. Create a campaign.
3. Support a cause.
4. Volunteer your time.
5. Sponsor an event.

WE ARE WHO WE ARE

New Board Members Bring Experience & Enthusiasm

We are an organization that believes in providing meaningful employment in a community setting, and that commitment is more important than ever before.

DONATIONS OF ART SUPPLIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Our wish list includes:

• Drawing and watercolor paper
• Colored pencils and markers
• Ribbons, buttons and other decorations
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Nicolas Lyford-Pike participates in Stone Belt’s Art Making Program in Columbus. Nicolas is one of Stone Belt’s many success stories, has a passion for producing art, and provides a programming site for him in his community. Nicolas’ artistic work has made a lasting effect on his life and the lives of others. The impact he makes, creatively enriches the Stone Belt Studio, and its residents at what he does. His work has been featured numerous times in various venues throughout central Indiana. There’s no doubt that stone has discovered his love of art, through Stone Belt’s Unlimited Program. He has grown to be a positive member of this community. Nicolas is a true inspiration to everyone at Stone Belt.

Through the Unlimited Living Program, Nicolas learned about art and as an activity in Stone Belt’s Unlimited Learning Program, Nicholas has been taught the skills and tools of the trade. He also got trained in building a positive future through education for people with disabilities.

Happy New Year,
Leslie Green

LIFELONG LEARNING

STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION WITHIN EACH INDIVIDUAL’S NETWORK OF SUPPORT

BUILDING CONSISTENCY IN STAFF SUPPORTS

FOCUSING ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Ston Belt believes that employment is a fundamental part of life.
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See Stone Belt’s board of directors choose leadership and governance for its sprawling network of programs.
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WELCOME

New Milestones Director

Jenine Ville, Ph.D., recently joined the Stone Belt staff as director of Milestones, succeeding Steven Lauer, who directed the program for the past 11 years. Ville holds Master’s and Doctoral degrees from Ohio State University in Clinical and Multicultural Developmental Disabilities and a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and German from Indiana University. She has worked for several years at Semiosis, a mental health agency to which she currently serves as a consultant. Ville has over three decades of experience in working with individuals with developmental disabilities and behavior support services for south central Indiana.

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The Spears family (pictured above) is one such family that has realized the benefits of their participation. Milestones Services offer a lot of support to parents of children with disabilities. Learning how to respond to the reactions of all the family together has been a process that has been an important part of the Spears family’s story.

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On Tuesday, May 10th, the students and staff of Bloomington Senior High School joined the National Coalition on Mental Health Awareness in a forum to discuss the importance of mental health awareness. The forum was scheduled to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week, which is observed each May in the United States to raise awareness about mental health and to encourage people to talk about their experiences and concerns.

The forum featured guest speakers, including a representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness and a local mental health professional. The speakers discussed the importance of recognizing mental health issues and the need for better understanding and support for those affected by mental illness. They also emphasized the importance of early intervention and the availability of resources for individuals struggling with mental health issues.

Guests at the forum included students, faculty members, and parents. The event was organized by the school’s student council and was supported by the school administration.

For more information about Stone Belt Behavioral Services, contact Maria at mshawcroft@stonebelt.org.

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March
Disability Awareness month
March 20 • 11:30 am to 1 pm
Awards of Excellence - Staff Recognition Event
St. Mark’s Methodist Church
April 18 • 6 pm
It Matters to Me - Education & Advocacy Event
St. Mark’s Methodist Church

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For more information about Stone Belt’s Milestones Program, visit milestonesclinic.org