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Newsletter For The Friends & Supporters of MILESTONE, Inc.

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NEWS DESIGNS UNVEILED FOR 2017 HOLIDAY CARDS

Orders are now being taken for the 7 designs created by the Artists at MILESTONE Industries for the 2017 Holiday cards.

A wide selection of greetings are also available. Cards are \$3.00 each and there is a discount for ordering in August and

September. An order form with complete pricing information is enclosed.

Last year was a record setting year with MILESTONE Industries filling orders for over 7,000 cards, so please order yours early.





FROM THE DESK OF SHAWN WAY, MILESTONE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Dear Friend,

Closing in on my 8th anniversary as CEO of MILESTONE, Inc., I have time to reflect on the work we do for the 355 children and adults we serve with physical and intellectual disabilities, 24/7, 365 days a year. We employ nearly 600, certainly one of the larger employers in our community. We work side-by-side with the individuals in their homes, in our day training sites, through the good and tough days. But when all is said and done, we are a community of nearly 1,000, living, working and loving one another. We are blessed. I am blessed.

At the time I am writing this message I'm preparing to start serving root beer floats to the staff and individuals. See, its root beer float day at MILESTONE!

The Marvelous Men at MILESTONE are giving back to the Troops. In anticipation of Memorial Day, the Marvelous Men at MILESTONE (Lenny, Mario, Sean & Jake) thought it would be great to raise money and collect items for our military deployed overseas. Today, we serve root beer floats and raise money to help provide supplies. For the past three weeks we've been collecting goods for staff and families of individuals to donate to our military. We've placed large bins at a number of our sites and look forward to delivering hundreds of items to the VFW Post in Belvidere, where they'll make sure the items get to our men and women of the military.

Each and every day at MILESTONE is a blessing. We all come together, live and work together, to improve the lives of the individuals we serve but also the communities we live in. Our guys and gals participate and raise funds for numerous causes, too many to mention. Not a month goes by where I'm not "asked" to help support their efforts. These guys and gals define the phrase "giving back". All too often folks think of MILESTONE as a charity, a not for profit. And according to the IRS, that's what we are. But that doesn't define who we are. In reality, we are people serving people, both within the organization as well as the communities we live. We are tax payers, we are consumers, we are neighbors and we are friends.

Thanks once again to you, our community supporters, for all you do to help advance our efforts to provide a wonderful life for the individuals we serve. We couldn't do it without you, and want you to know we too strive to "pay it forward"!

Sincerely,

Shawn Way



HAVING A PLACE TO CALL HIS OWN



Like most young men his age Jonathan enjoys listening to music, watching wrestling, talking to and doing things with his housemates and having a room to call his own. He also is quick to smile, and has a smile that lights up a room. In 6 short months he has settled into his MILESTONE home and is enjoying all the opportunities that are now available. Every day he looks forward to going to MILESTONE Industries and putting stickers on the back of the holiday cards that are made there. He knows his MILESTONE family will help him reach all the goals he sets for himself.



Jonathan's journey to MILESTONE was different than most and started at the Rockford Rescue

Mission. After meeting Jonathan, Pat Kline at the ARC knew he was a special young man and was willing to help in any way possible. Access Services stepped in and worked with the staff at Carpenter's Place to make sure Jonathan found a permanent

Home. A collective effort among Carpenter's Place, Rockford Rescue Mission, Access Services, The Arc, and The Illinois Office of State Guardian led him to MILESTONE. A series of visits was set up so that Jonathan could learn more about what MILESTONE offered. The staff at Carpenter's Place made sure he made it to every appointment and helped him through the process. When there was an opening in one of the Adult Group Homes and Jonathan moved in. Jonathan enjoys his new home, and his new friends, and learning new skills. He looks forward to doing things in community with his friends, and loves listening to his favorite music. He is still friends with



both his case manager at the Rescue Mission, and his case manager at Carpenter's Place and enjoys spending time with

them when he can. He knows that both of these people did what they could to help him, just as he knows the staff at MILESTONE will help him. By working together the Rockford Rescue Mission, Carpenter's Place, The Arc and Access Services found the perfect place for Jonathan to receive the services he needs, and they all know he has a permanent home with MILESTONE.

MILESTONE MISSION STATEMENT

"Everyone has the right to be treated with respect, to participate in community life, to develop and exercise personal competence, to have family and friends, and to make decisions in their lives." MILESTONE, Inc. exists to ensure that persons with developmental disabilities can exercise these same rights.



HELEN BRACH FOUNDATION HELPS THE MILESTONE DENTAL CLINIC



A grant from the Helen Brach Foundation will provide the funding so uninsured and under insured patients can get the dental care they need. The MILESTONE Dental clinic provides care to children and

adults with developmental disabilities from 40 counties in Illinois, including the Chicago area.

A GRANT FROM THE ROCKFORD COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

A grant from the Rockford Cosmopolitan Club will help pediatric patients at the MILESTONE Dental Clinic who are underinsured receive the care they need. The Cosmopolitan Club, with nearly 200 members, is the largest service club in the Rockford Area and the largest Cosmopolitan Club in the international organization.

ALPINE KIWANIS HELPS MILESTONE

Telecommunications equipment allowing the staff at RocVale to communicate with Doctors and other medical professionals has been purchased and installed, thanks to a grant from Alpine Kiwanis. Medical teleconferencing allows the staff to communicate with Doctors in various parts of the country which allows MILESTONE to continue to provide the highest level of care to the children.



KELLER WILLIAMS VOLUNTEERS HELP SPRUCE UP ADULT GROUP HOME

Over 40 volunteers from Keller Williams Realty spent the day painting the kitchen and dining room and hall at Applewood Group Home, along with some yard work. It was part of "RED Day", Keller Williams' annual day of service dedicated to renewing, energizing and donating to local communities.

"RED Day is built on the belief that people can and should come together to achieve extraordinary things to help others," said Toni VanderHeyden, Operating Principle at Keller Williams Realty Signature. "This year, we are making a difference in the lives of some very special people living in this MILESTONE home." Thank you to all who helped.



BLAZER FOUNDATION PROVIDES FUNDING FOR NEEDED EQUIPMENT



A grant from the Blazer Foundation in memory of Cedric Blazer, provided the funding needed for an equipment upgrade to the CareTraker system at Elmwood Heights. CareTraker is

MILESTONE's electronic medical record system and tracks the care of the Individuals at Elmwood Heights.

ROCK VALLEY HERITAGE KIWANIS HELP CAMPERS

The Rock Valley Heritage Kiwanis club heard about MILESTONE's "Adopt A Camper" program and they wanted to find out more. After a presentation to the group, members decided to make a donation to adopt 5 campers for Camp Albrecht in Iowa.



MONSTER CUP GOLF PLAY DAY A SUCCESS

The third annual “Monster Cup” golf play day was a success with people having fun while raising money for MILESTONE. CEO Shawn Way wanted to create an event that was different and that had sizzle and everyone who took part agreed those goals were met.



THANKYOU MONSTER CUP GOLF PLAY DAY SPONSORS

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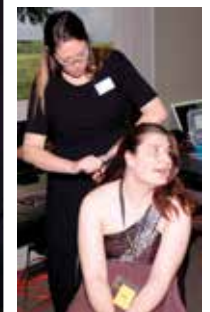
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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Individuals from MILESTONE donned their formal wear and attended a special event in their honor at Heartland Community Church in May.” A Night To Remember “was a prom type event complete with limo service, boutonnieres and corsages and a red carpet entrance. Everyone enjoyed a meal by candlelight before heading to the dance floor. The individuals who attended each had their own unique experience but all agreed it truly was a night to remember.





SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

REGIONAL BOCCE TOURNAMENT

19 athletes from MILESTONE competed in the regional Bocce Tournament in LaSalle, for the first time a unified team competed and earned 3 silver medals and 1 gold.

Overall the athletes earned 9 gold medals, 12 silver medals, 11 bronze medals and 3 fourth place ribbons.



REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET

86 athletes took part in the annual Track and Field meet at Harlem High School, 4 of the athletes, Joung, Donna, Tom and Jonathon ran the track before the game with area Law Enforcement Officers and lit the Olympic Torch. 25 Gold medals were won, 35 Silver medals, 19 bronze medals, and 15 fourth place ribbons were earned.



**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2017
6TH ANNUAL GOLF PLAYDAY
BENEFITING:
ROCVALE CHILDREN'S HOME & EASTER SEALS
PRAIRIE VIEW GOLF COURSE
BYRON**



MILESTONE STAFF ATTEND ILLINOIS CRISIS PREVENTION NETWORK TRAINING

A variety of topics were covered at the ICPN training in Naperville, including the handling of behavioral situations from a psychological and psychiatric point of view. There was also a session on Dementia training and communication techniques using the power of voice. The staff who attended said the sessions were very informative and it was time well spent.



PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH ONE OF MILESTONE'S ONGOING PROJECTS



RocVale Children's Home

Several of the homes on the **RocVale Campus** need new furniture. The items needed are special designed and built to meet the need of the children living at RocVale.

\$20,000 is needed to complete this project.



Elmwood Heights

Each year over 200 slings need to be replaced. These slings are used when individuals need to be moved or lifted.

\$15,000 is needed to meet this goal.

MILESTONE, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) Illinois not-for-profit organization. MILESTONE Matters is developed to inform the public of the program services we offer to developmentally disabled citizens from Northern Illinois. To learn more about MILESTONE and the individuals we serve, please call (815) 654-6100.

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EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

10 years

Betty Charapata	May
Kim Simons	May
Jeremy Peterson	June
Vicky Cox	June

20 years

Lisa Fonda	May
Bianka Beckmann	May
Renee Harlan	June
Monica Esquivias	June
Cheri Poage	June

15 years

Brooke Milligan	April
Vickie Chandler	June

25 years

Linda Craig-Ellis	June
Terrie Garlow	June
Kristina Chermak	June

30 years

Terese McKnight	June
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HELP SEND SOMEONE TO CAMP THIS SUMMER

Remember the fun you had at summer camp? Help us make summer camp a reality for everyone at MILESTONE by adopting a camper.

For \$100 you can sponsor a camper for a week at Camp Albrecht in Iowa

Or

For \$65 you can sponsor a camper at Camp Winnebago, a program designed for our medically fragile individuals who need specialized attention and care.

Call the Resource Development department at 815-639-2965 for more information.