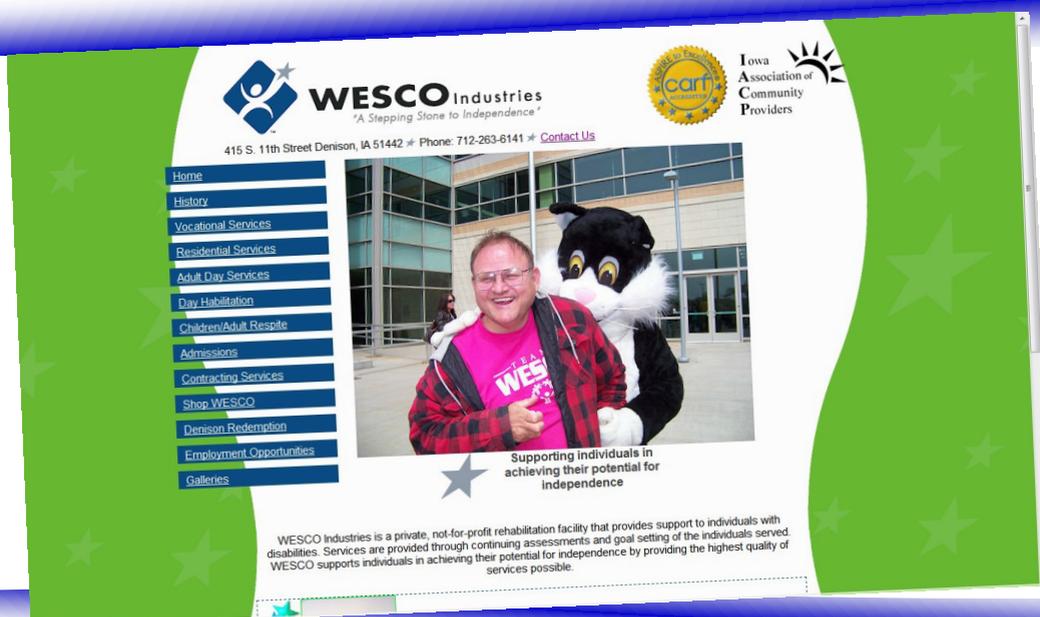




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WESCO has a fresh, fun new look with more photos and activity information. Stay up to date with easy to use resources and newsletters.

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WESCO History

September marks 46 years of business for WESCO Industries.

The West Central Iowa Sheltered Workshop began as a concept in 1965 when an initial feasibility study meeting was held. The study group determined by late 1966 that this Sheltered Workshop would serve the seven county area of Ida, Monona, Crawford, Carroll, Harrison, Shelby, and Audubon Counties. Denison was selected as the site. Articles of Incorporation were signed and registered in September of 1966. Staff persons were hired and operations began in June of 1968. Initially, two clients were present. A total of 14 clients were being served by November of 1968. Western Iowa Tech Community College employed a teacher and furnished materials for client education. By January 1975, a total of 38 clients were being served.

In December of 1979, plans were formulated to build the present facility. This building was finished in October of 1981. Approximately 65 clients were being served at that time, with plans to accommodate 100 clients in the future.



WCISW became accredited for the first time in 1983.

WCISW continues to be accredited and strives to provide the finest quality of service and care.

In 1987, WCISW began doing business as WESCO Industries thus projecting more of a business image.

WESCO Industries continues serving individuals with disabilities, of all ages, who require services and supports in reaching their fullest potential.

Presently, WESCO has grown to serve over 100 clients in a variety of programs. One of our newest programs to WESCO is Respite. This provides breaks for caregivers of children and adults with disabilities. Along with Respite, we have the Day Habilitation Program where participants are learning benefits of volunteering in the community.



Special Olympics Disability Awareness Walk



With the help from many businesses and individuals in the community, WESCO Industries Disability Awareness Walk, which took place on September 15, exceeded this year's goal to raise \$10,000.

The money raised helps the WESCO Industries Special Olympic teams. WESCO has more than 100 individuals that participate throughout the year in various events.

Without the support of the community, many of the individuals would not be able to participate in Special Olympics due to the cost involved with each event.



With the help from all who made a donation, bought a shirt, sponsored the walk and participated in the Disability Awareness Walk, each one will be able to participate.

The individuals on WESCO Industries Special Olympics Teams thank the community for its support.

WESCO Industries provides vocational, residential, and day services to adults and respite services to children who have a diagnosed disability. This disability must hinder them from living and working independently.

People or referring agencies should contact WESCO Industries Deidra Brown, Assistant Director, at 712-263-6141 if they or someone they represent are interested in becoming an individual served by WESCO. WESCO's programs will be explained to all who inquire and a tour of the facilities will be arranged.

WESCO Industries relies on contributions to assist us in our mission of enhancing opportunities and activities for individuals served by WESCO Industries. Please consider making your donation in person or online.



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