

Local business owner makes bail and donates big to the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Michael Menn of Design Construction Concepts, a Northbrook-based residential design/build firm, was released on good behavior from the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) one-hour fun jail last month. The event at Nick's Fishmarket was a huge success. Michael Menn made "bail" by raising \$7,325, a significant amount for this type of event.

"This was one of the highest amounts raised this year," said Rob Bressler, district director of the MDA. Funds raised by Michael Menn's "jail time" will help support research, purchase items such as wheel chairs for 3 area hospitals and send up to 9 children to summer camp.

MDA summer camp is a magical place offering a wide range of activities specially designed for young people who have limited mobility or who use wheelchairs. MDA camp programs, although structured, are conducted in a relaxed atmosphere that gives campers an unmatched opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, share interests and build self-confidence.

The Chicago-area MDA currently supports approximately 2,000 families.

"Michael went above and beyond the call of duty. The massive amount of money that he raised goes a long way towards treating and fighting this terrible disease. He should be commended for his efforts and it cannot be said enough what a difference his efforts have made in the lives of people in our area," said Bressler.

"This was truly a humbling experience to see my colleagues and clients step up to the plate, with the end result being able to send these kids to camp," said Menn. "It is a rewarding experience for anyone."