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MRCI Client's Design Chosen In Button Contest For Disability Day At the Capital

Mankato, Minn. – Quinn Metcalfe lives life in full color. Not just through her pink tennis shoes and purple scarf, but also in her view of the world.

“I see everything like it is a rainbow,” she says. “Rainbows are so cool.”

When she sees color, she says she sees happiness. A profound statement by a young lady who is legally blind.

“Vision is hard for me. I can only sort of see out of one eye, but I can see colors and shapes.” Quinn does not let her disability limit her as she pursues her passions.

“Art is a big part of my life,” she says. “I like to do anything you can think of, as long as it has color.”

It was her passion that caught the eye of the ARRM organization. ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of home and community-based services supporting people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. ARRM leads advocacy and training for positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities. They help organize a “Disability Day at the Capital” and this year Quinn’s artwork was chosen to fill a big role. Her design will be featured on the button to be worn at the Capital on March 12.

“When people wear my button they will feel good, happy and proud,” Quinn says. Her inspiration came from her brain, but also, she says, from her heart.

“I was excited and happy when chosen. I just kept saying, ‘I’m so proud of myself!’”

And we at MRCI are proud of her too! In her time at MRCI, she has helped us all view life more colorfully.

“My favorite thing about MRCI are my friends,” she smiles. “I like to talk and socialize. We sit together during breaks and lunch to color together.”

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