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A Monthly Newsletter from Community Support Services



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CSS Helps Tina Transform Her Life.

Tina has received services from CSS for 17 years. She attends several CSS Academy art classes and receives Respite services. But recently her life took a difficult turn.

After the death of her mother, Tina lived alone and unfortunately, a person close to her exploited her financially and she lost her home to foreclosure. Her health also significantly deteriorated during this time. In addition to the diagnoses of an intellectual/developmental disability, she also has diabetes, a heart condition, and sleep apnea which went untreated.

With nowhere to go, a family member took Tina in and provided her with a place to stay while CSS worked hard to find her a new home within her budget.

That is when CSS really stepped in and helped Tina transform her life. CSS now manages Tina's finances and will continue to do so when she moves into her new home.

CSS staff also ensure Tina goes to all of her doctor's appointments and makes sure she is taking her medication correctly. With this care, her health has tremendously improved and she has even lost over 70 pounds.

"Tina is more outgoing and looks and acts like a new person." says her CSS coordinator, Andrea Hicks Jones.

In just a few weeks, Tina will be moving into her new home. Once she is settled, CSS staff will help her with daily living skills like cooking healthy meals, cleaning, and laundry.



Tina displays art she created at CSS Academy.



Tina is excited to move, but she can use some help!

Since Tina was forced to leave her old home with almost nothing, she is in need of new or gently used items to make her house a home.

These needs include:

- washer and dryer
- air conditioner 110 voltage (2)
- microwave
- tv stand
- dining set
- pots/pans and other kitchen supplies
- full size bed linens
- bathroom supplies and linens

If you are able to help with any of those items, please contact Nicole Omahen at 708.354.4547 x111 or nomahen@cssservices.org.



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Illinois' largest Respite Provider

Each year, more than 380,026 hours of service are provided by our dedicated staff. We serve 759 individuals and their families throughout 51 communities in Chicago's western suburbs.

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