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## Collin Blossoms in Brookfield

When we met Collin, he had lost his placement at another agency due to challenging behaviors. Collin is non-verbal, diagnosed with autism and has difficulties developing social relationships.

Since a quiet environment is important for Collin's success, CSS worked to place him in a Brookfield group residential home with just one other roommate. We also hired two male staff members who were gradually introduced to him so he would feel comfortable with his transition. The staff at the Brookfield Home is specially trained to provide support for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities as well as CPR, First Aid, and Safety Training. So they are prepared to give Collin and his roommate the personalized care they need.



Collin and Etienne, CSS staff member

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Due to his diagnosis, Collin can be sensitive to touch, crowded places, and loud noises. The staff immediately made sure Collin was comfortable in his home by anticipating things that could trigger him. They learned that he really liked the outdoors so they took him for walks almost every day and transformed his diet.

Collin has been living at the Brookfield home for over a year and has lost over 100 pounds bringing him to a healthy weight! He continues to thrive and live a happy, healthy life.



Collin Before



Collin After

Collin's mom, Sheryl, is so happy and appreciative for the progress Collin is making at CSS! She shares, ***"We will forever be grateful for all CSS has done for Collin as he becomes part of the CSS family in his new home."***

Collin was also introduced to the Community360 Day Program in Cicero and the CSS Academy where he does his favorite activities like puzzles and coloring in a

purchasing school supplies. Be a Teacher's Pet for a student in need with an intellectual/development disability. Help them start off the year right! For more information please contact Nicole Omahen at [nomahen@cssservices.org](mailto:nomahen@cssservices.org) or [708.354.4547](tel:708.354.4547) ext. 111.

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quiet environment. Collin also socializes with the other participants. He goes with a small group to the YMCA and even enjoys Sunday family dinner with participants who live in other CSS group homes.

CSS' dedicated staff supports our participants in achieving important life goals. Our Adult & Residential Services help adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities access a broad spectrum of support so that they can lead independent lives. Since each participant has different needs, resources are tailored and last as long as necessary.



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