

## Group Home Update in Time for Summer

Like any home, improvements and updates are a must. This is no different for the eight group homes that CSS owns and operates. These are the forever homes for 40 adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

It may be surprising to learn that state contracts leave a deficit of \$475,000 each year for CSS' residential program. Unfortunately, the contracts we receive from the state of Illinois cover only expenses for staffing our group homes. That means there is not funding for home maintenance, repairs, and updates.

However, we make these improvements a priority by seeking private funding to keep our homes in good repair.

CSS' latest home renovation took place at the Lyons Rose house, which is home to five participants: Eric, Al, David, Karel, and John. Thanks to a generous contribution by a private foundation, renovations on two new doors and a fence repair were made. The project was completed by Middy Construction, a local construction company and a longtime supporter of CSS.

The old wooden entry doors that swelled and shrank depending on the weather were replaced. One of the doors even needed tape to keep the elements out. The screen doors were also old and needed to be replaced.

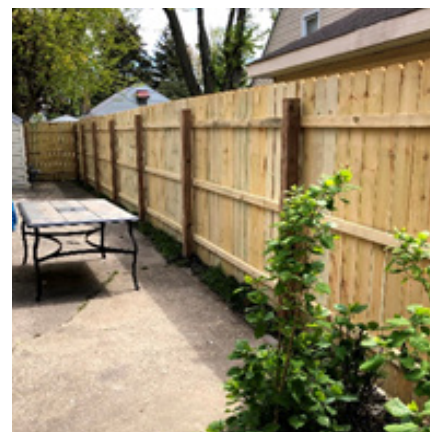
In the backyard, fence posts from an old demolished fence were removed, and a new fence was installed. Plus, some modest landscaping was done. These changes made the yard look nicer and created a private place for the residents to enjoy the outdoors just in time for summer.



Left to right: Eric, Al, David, Karel, and John. Their privacy fence was put up just in time to enjoy the warm, sunny weather.



**New Door Before & After**



**Fence Before & After**

When you donate to CSS, you are supporting improvements like these which help our participants live in dignified, safe housing. This helps them to pursue their personal goals, remain independent, and stay connected to their community.

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## CSS Spring Cleaning

CSS staff and community volunteers had a spring-cleaning day at CSS' group homes.

It was a great way to give back to our own programs and show our support for our front-line staff. The participants were so happy to come home from their Day Programs to a nice clean house!

Click [here](#) to see more photos from cleaning day.