

Summer Outings Return for the CSS Day Program

With the city opening again after the long COVID-19 pandemic, the Day Program participants are so happy to go on community outings once again and for life to return to normal. The participants have missed their schedules and having fun with their friends.

These outings are important for our participants because they get a sense of comradery, friendship, education, and they can explore the community around them. Special safety protocols remain in place, and we continue to follow public health guidelines.

The Day Program participants enjoy getting out and experiencing some of the top attractions that the city has to offer. Some of the activities this summer included Millennium Park, The Museum of Science and Industry, the Field Museum, and the Lincoln Park Zoo.

"I love getting out and having fun. My favorite outing so far was the Museum of Science and Industry. We did an experiment where I got to hold a lightbulb and when they turned the Tesla Coil on which was on the ceiling, it lit up the lightbulb in my hand using wireless electricity!" says Danielle (Dani), CSS participant.

Locally, the group has gone on picnics to nearby parks, bowling, and the Little Red School House to learn about forest preservation and animals.

Support from the community is important to make these trips possible. Donations from Antares Corporate as well as the YMCA Men's Club of LaGrange have helped fund parking, transportation, and entrance fees for these excursions.

CSS looks forward to safely welcoming back all of our programs that our participants rely on.



CSS Welcomes New Volunteer Leadership

CSS welcomed three new members to its Board of Directors this summer. The Board ensures that CSS fulfills its mission with day to day services as well as a long term strategic plan. With the addition of Mary Beth, Dennis and Molly, the Board currently has 13 members.

CSS makes good use of volunteers. Many individuals serve on the Resource Development Committee, Program Committee or Finance Committee. In total, 695 hours of time is devoted to CSS by volunteers each year.



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CSS currently has several open positions including: Direct Support Professionals (DSP), Counselor/Social Worker (part-time), BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst), Behavior Analyst, Vice President of Programs, Nurse/Nurse Trainer, and Director of Financial Accounting. Bright, caring people may apply at cssservices.org/careers.