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Building a Brighter Future—Together.

Community Support Systems and

the *Effingham County Opportunity Foundation* are raising funds to renovate and expand our

Teutopolis-based Community Day Services building.

### A JOINT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENTS

On behalf of the Effingham County Opportunity Foundation and Community Support Systems Boards of Directors, we are proud to express our enthusiastic commitment to this transformational capital campaign.

The opportunity to modernize our facilities, bring all our local services together under one roof, and create a welcoming, accessible environment is truly a blessing. This expansion will greatly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our work, allowing us to better meet the needs of those we serve.

Over the years, we have been continually inspired by the generosity and support of Effingham County and the surrounding communities. Now, we are excited to partner with you once again to bring this vision to life and ensure that CSS's valued services can continue for generations to come.

With gratitude,



#### Kent Schmidt, President

Effingham County Opportunity Foundation Board **Greg Bean, President** 

Community Support Systems Board of Operations

Donations May be Made Payable to:
Effingham County Opportunity Foundation

Mail to:

Gina Willenborg Effingham County Opportunity Foundation 618 W Main St., Suite B Teutopolis, IL 62467

Effingham County Opportunity Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

All gifts are tax deductible.

#### HONORING OUR PAST. BUILDING OUR FUTURE.

**Community Support Systems** began in 1962 with a mission rooted in compassion and inclusion. Over the years, we have grown from a small grassroots effort to a leading provider of developmental services in our region.

From our first residential home to our vocational programs and recreational opportunities, every milestone has been made possible through the unwavering support of our community.

Our journey has been one of resilience, innovation, and love. Today, we continue that legacy with a bold step toward the future to continue our mission of enhancing opportunities to Live, Learn, Work, and Play for all individuals.

[Visit csscares.org/history for a detailed timeline.]



L to R: Scott D., Darrell A., Lori P., Bill W., Kevin D., Tina C., Steve B., Larry P.

**Effingham County Opportunity Foundation**, founded in 1997, is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). ECOF is proud to help fund buildings, grounds, and programs that empower Community Support Systems to better serve the community.

As part of its mission, ECOF provides affordable housing to individuals with disabilities and currently maintains a 29-bed capacity. Additionally, ECOF leases both the Community Day Services building and CSS's Administrative Office. Today, the Community Day Services Program offers meaningful opportunities for over 120 individuals.

Through the current Capital Campaign, ECOF aims to help CSS expand its capacity and impact—ensuring even more individuals have access to inclusive, skill-building opportunities in the years to come.

#### A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

CSS has been part of our son Jay's life since he was just 9 months old. Today, he's 36 and living in a CSS residential home. Over the years, he's received job support, recreational opportunities, art classes, emotional and social guidance... the list goes on and on.

As parents of a child with intellectual disabilities, we've seen firsthand how CSS changes lives. We are forever grateful for the compassion, consistency, and opportunity they've provided.

• Mike & Margie Borries, Parents

Community Support Systems has been an integral partner of Stevens Industries for many years. CSS provides great services to many companies and provides exceptional opportunities for the individuals served. We are proud to partner with CSS and excited for their future in their new building.

• Todd Wegman, President, Stevens Industries

As the family of David Latta [individual served by CSS], we know first hand that "CSS Cares" is not just a motto, it is a truth. CSS has given David the opportunity to engage in regular, meaningful work which gives him a level of pride and joy which would not be possible without CSS services.

• Judy Latta, Parent & Heather Latta, Sibling

#### JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Here's how you can support the campaign:

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**Upgraded Outdoor Recreational Area** 



Improved Retirement Room Accessibility

... And so much more!

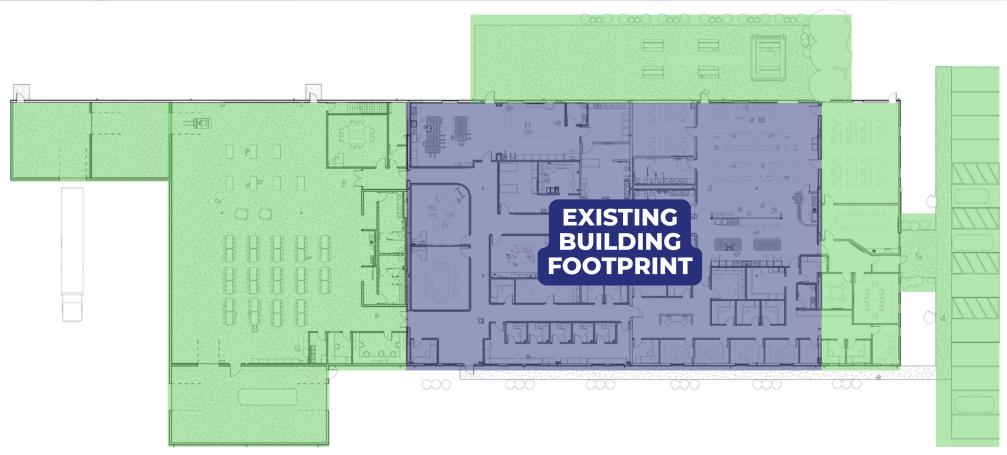








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