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RE: Board Tours Homes



Several members of the Champaign Residential Services, Inc. Board of Trustees recently spent a day touring two group homes where CRSI provides services.

Accompanied by Public Relations Director Linda Smith were Marvin Stevens, Ed Corwin, Mike Carey and Mary Ann Metherd. The group first traveled to the Chesney Street group home in Kenton (Hardin County) which is home to five ladies ages 22-85.

The ladies were at work during the visit, but Home Manager Lori Curtin provided the tour of the home owned by CRSI.



The home is a large, two-story with a chair elevator to the second floor. Each person has her own large bedroom, decorated to individual tastes and filled with memorabilia and hobbies. An example is the large bedroom filled with dolls either collected or made by the consumer.

There is a beautiful, large kitchen, dining room, living room and a huge yard full of awesome flowers and foliage.

“I am so impressed with this home,” says Stevens. “It is so neat and clean and you can see the pride these ladies share in maintaining it.”

Next, the tour proceeded to Elwood Avenue in Marysville (Union County).

Program Administrator Pat Miller, House Manager Mary Lou Homan, and Support Specialist Sherry Wolf and were on hand for the guided tour.

The large, four-unit apartment complex is leased by CRSI and is home to five men and one woman aging from 36 to 75 .

Each apartment is self-contained with two bedrooms, kitchen, bath and living space. Each apartment also has its own basement unit for storage and each has a washer and dryer.

Individuals living at the Elwood Avenue address have jobs out in the community but three were at home due to later shifts.

Tyler Dilahunt works at Meijers , Tim Rieble has a job at Community Market and Terry Gregory, a huge OSU fan and newest resident, operates his own vending business.

“Both homes are terrific examples of independent living while receiving supported services from CRSI allowing individuals to hold jobs and participate in their communities,” commented Corwin who asked many questions of staff members so that he could better understand how services are provided.

“CRSI is very fortunate to have board members who show so much interest in the agency and what we do,” says Smith. “They are truly dedicated, volunteer stewards of our agency and are appreciated for their many combined years on the board.”