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RE: County Commissioner makes house call in Shelby County

In an effort to gain understanding and knowledge of issues affecting individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities (MR/DD), Champaign County Commissioner Steve Hess, visited a group home in Shelby County. The residence is home to four ladies who live with the challenges of MR/DD. With permission from all four ladies, Champaign Residential Services, Inc. hosted the visit to talk about needs and challenges with Hess. He is also a candidate for State Representative in Ohio House 78th District.

“Steve is a commissioner who wants to see good services provided in his district,” says Than Johnson, CEO for CRSI. “He has always expressed great interest and concern for consumers with disabilities and their needs.”

Home manager Monica Boerger and home resident Diane Ceyler who has lived at the same address for ten years, hosted a tour of the two-story, comfortable home in Sidney. The home is immaculate with personal furnishing throughout. The ladies go to work each day and come home to chores, hobbies and activities. CRSI staff provides transportation, assistance with activities and homemaker/personal care assistance.

“We have a wonderful staff and we all work well together,” says Boerger who has been with CRSI since 1993. Becky Henry, program specialist for CRSI was also on hand to answer questions. She pointed out that like anyone else getting older, the ladies have plans to someday live in a ranch-style home with easier access and are waiting for the opportunity to live in their dream home.

Hess is currently in his second term as Champaign County Commissioner. The 78th District that he is vying for covers Champaign, Shelby and part of Auglaize Counties.

Pictured: Steve Hess being greeted by Diane Ceyler

Pictured: L-R: Becky Henry, COO Mark Schlater, Board Trustee Mike Carey, Monica Boerger, Board Trustee Marvin Stevens, Steve Hess, CEO Than Johnson, Diane Ceyler

