

School is back in session! CSS Participants Receive School Supplies

Each year, with donor support, CSS helps provide school supplies for our participants and siblings. This year, 40 students were helped through our Teacher’s Pet Program.

It can cost more than \$500 for school supplies and associated enrollment fees. This could be a hardship for many, especially for some CSS participants’ families.

Thank you so much to the individuals listed below for providing supplies and financial support for our students.

CSS strives to provide support in a variety of ways for our participants and their families. Providing in-kind support like this is just one of the ways we try to support the various needs of our families.

Thanks to you, these students will show up to school with the necessary supplies to succeed.



CSS participant Malik and his sister Miriam receive their school supplies from their CSS coordinator, Kez.

2022 CSS Teacher’s Pet Donors

Jaime Agnello
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Greg Mino and Jen Giovingo
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Jim Rea
Riverside Presbyterian Church
Pete and Cara Rogers
Tom and Judith White

CSS Donors are Recognized at The Elm



Tom and Kathy Vana pictured with Diane Farina White, CSS President & CEO.



Members of the Wolfe/Spetter/Kaminski family have supported CSS for 20+ years.



The Mino and Middendorf families have introduced friends and neighbors to CSS.

CSS took time this summer to acknowledge donors who have helped provide crucial services for our participants. This was the first time in over two years we could gather for this style of an event due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our donors were ready to celebrate! Nearly 90 people joined us at The Elm in La Grange in July for a cocktail reception.

Several donors were acknowledged for inspiring their extended families and neighborhood friends to support CSS. These families included: The Ron and Annette Glab Family, The Wolfe/Spetter/Kaminski families, The Middendorf and Mino families (and the 9th Ave. La Grange crew).

Nearly 500 community members support CSS each year. Donations help underfunded and unfunded programs including Nursing Services, CSS Academy, Supported Employment, Transportation, and Residential and Independent Living Services.

Participants Enjoy Summer Outing at Cantigny Park



CSS participants pose by one of the many historic army tanks at Cantigny.

One of CSS’ core principles is for our individuals to participate in and contribute to community life. So, CSS participants recently took a trip to Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

At Cantigny participants learned a bit about the history of Colonel Robert M. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune and the history of the “Big Red One,” the famed 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

Funding for offsite outings like this, is not provided, so contributions from community members help make these trips happen. If you would like to help fund one of these outings, go to our donate page [here](#).