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## **Community Reintegration**

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## Testimonials

This is what people who moved out of nursing homes and into their own homes have to say about the Community Reintegration Project.



**Joel Sheffel**, escaped 08-98

"By being in the [project], I have had the feeling of not being a second class citizen. I have control of my affairs again."

Photo: R. Rimgale

**Bettie Washington**, escaped 12-98

"I can do what I want to do and I finally have my freedom and my family with me."



Photo: R. Rimgale



**Eddie Wagner**, escaped 5-99

"I'm free."  
"Thanks to this program, I am out of that place which felt like a prison."

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**Eugene Jakubowski**, escaped 5-99

"I got out of the cemetery thanks to this program. There is nothing like having your own place, I'm finally free!"

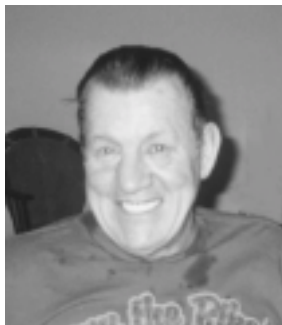


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## Community Reintegration Project

The Community Reintegration Project is a program funded through the Department of Human Services - Office of Rehabilitation Services/Home Services Program (DHS/ORS-HSP). It assists individuals with disabilities who are currently in nursing homes to move back to the community.

Since August 1998, Progress Center has assisted dozens of people to successfully move out of nursing homes.

Progress Center can assist you in several ways, including:

- Helping develop individualized plans which will include independent living goals set by you.
- Training on gaining self-advocacy skills necessary to obtain needed goods and services, appropriate housing, home modifications, personal assistants, adaptive equipment, medical and financial benefits, household items, etc.
- Giving you the chance to talk with consumers who have been successful in transitioning from nursing homes into the community. Talking with Peer Mentors is a powerful way to see the possibilities and learn how to reach your goals.
- Providing some financial assistance for security deposits, clothing, furniture, etc.

## You may qualify if:

- You have a disability that will last more than 12 months
- You are under age 60
- You reside in a nursing home located in suburban Cook County\*
- You are your own legal guardian
- You have less than \$10,000 in liquid assets
- You need assistance with several tasks of daily living (e.g. bathing, dressing, household chores)

**Note: Even if you fit all those requirements, you may not qualify for this program.**

\*If you reside outside of suburban Cook County, we may be able to provide contact information for another Center for Independent Living providing a similar program.

If you are interested in transitioning out of the institution you currently are in, or for more information, please contact one of our Community Reintegration advocates, or our Home Services Coordinator at:

708-209-1500 (V)  
708-209-1826 (TTY)

**Remember: Your success depends on you. Progress Center can only provide support, we cannot do it for you!**