

Park Lawn Breaks Ground for New Park Lawn Center

On September 16, over 150 Park Lawn friends, family members, and program participants gathered at Park Lawn Center to witness history in the making as officials ceremoniously broke ground to mark the beginning of the rebuild and renovation of Park Lawn Center.

Park Lawn Center (PLC) opened in 1982 as one of the first community living facilities in the southwest Chicago metropolitan area for persons with developmental disabilities. Over the years PLC has provided a comfortable and caring environment for its 41 residents needing 24-hour assistance and medical care.

Today, PLC is in need of major repair and upgrading in order to accommodate current residents who are aging and have ever-increasing mobility, medical, and nursing requirements. Park Lawn has launched a \$3.6 million campaign to cover the cost of renovation and improvements. Upon completion, the center will be a state-of-the-art facility that will serve individuals long into the future.

Features of the new building will include improved accessibility by locating all services on one level, the addition of two residential living wings containing 20 two-person bedrooms and increase the size of the common and activity area. Two single-person Special Care Rooms will ensure the proper care of ill and hospice residents and the new nurse's station will have a direct line of sight to the entrance of every resident's room.

This campaign marks another milestone in Park Lawn's history. There are many ways to get involved. Ways to help include a general donation or a pledge of support payable over a three-year period. Donations of in-kind building material or offering your construction services would be of great assistance once the building begins. Naming opportunities of specific areas throughout PLC are available for donors at all levels or you can include Park Lawn in your planned giving.

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