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Integrating, enriching, and empowering Adults and
Children with Disabilities and Other Special Needs

Seguin Services Receives Major Federal Grant *Funds to Create Jobs, Address Emerging Community Need*

Dementia. Will the disease affect you or someone in your family? According to national studies chances are 1 in 7 individuals will. Many affected persons will require specialized homes for care, creating job opportunities for individuals interested in providing such care.

Seguin Services, already recognized for their innovative services to individuals with developmental disabilities, has been allocated a \$509,000 multi-year federal grant to create jobs associated with initiating a new project serving persons affected with dementia, Alzheimer's disease or mental illness. SeguinCares will create up to 28 jobs for low-income individuals, while providing critical residential services for approximately 20 persons in three homes in the western suburbs of Cook County. Homes will be designed to become special living environments aimed at accessibility, comfort and safety while promoting a stress free atmosphere for each resident.

The grant was provided to Seguin from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services (OCS). In the past five years Seguin has received \$1.7 million in OCS community economic development grants, to spur job creation for low-income individuals through new businesses initiated by Seguin, such as their Auto Center, Garden Center and Gift Works initiatives.

Seguin Services is a charitable not-for-profit agency serving metropolitan Chicago, always striving to integrate, enrich, and empower people with disabilities. Seguin lives its mission of *“supporting adults and children with disabilities and other special needs, enabling them to be productive, valued members of society.”* Seguin creates job opportunities and housing options that lead to greater independence for adults with disabilities. Seguin operates sixty-one homes, where men and women with developmental disabilities live, work, and socialize as their neighbors do. In addition, Seguin helps to find safe and loving homes for children who have disabilities and serious medical or emotional conditions.

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