



Cookin' up a Future at CIF

The Center for Independent Futures, CIF, held its annual benefit, "Something Cookin'," on Nov. 6, to raise money for its housing and support programs.

CIF, now four years old, works with families of disabled adults to create supported but independent living. The living units house from two to four

individuals; most residents hold jobs or otherwise contribute to the community, said Executive Director Jane Doyle.

At present CIF owns two apartment buildings in Evanston and has acquired six units in the new Sienna development at Ridge Avenue and Clark Street, with an option for an additional six units. In addition to providing housing, CIF offers family support through a broad network.

"What's exciting is that we have 55

families involved in the greater network," said Ms. Doyle, "and they are learning how to do this in their own communities."

Through its New Futures Initiative, CIF works with families in other communities, teaching them how to create supportive housing. At present, CIF representatives are working with families in Schaumburg, Skokie and Crystal Lake. For more information on CIF, call 847-328-2044.

CORRECTION: *CIF facilitates the creation of housing options for individuals with disabilities. The housing is not owned by CIF, but by other individuals or entities. CIF provide independent living support services for residents of the newly created housing options.*