

## Volunteer Spirit: The Spirit Of Giving

Magical things happen around the holidays and this year was no exception. In mid December, Sue Gallagher, a business partner with CSG Openline Blue Roads called Friends of Youth. CSG then conducted a holiday fundraiser and designated Friends of Youth to be the recipient of the funds. Sue came to our Giving Tree headquarters where she presented us with over \$400 and some additional holiday cheer in the form of gift certificates. What an amazing demonstration of the giving spirit! CSG Openline Blue Roads helps businesses improve partner interactions. They also provide great service to the community. In April, CSG kicked off their first company-wide "Make a Difference Campaign."

They conducted projects in four locations ranging from the Philippines to Washington to California. Sue was instrumental in CSG's decision to select Friends of Youth's Kirkland Foster Home to be one of their four projects.

On an April Saturday morning, over 40 CSG volunteers converged on our Kirkland Foster Home with cleaning supplies, donated furniture, flowers and gardening tools and a mission: to get the home ready for the new foster family and subsequent foster children. The CSG volunteers took their mission seriously and over the course of the day, the house became a home again. The inside sparkled, each room was outfitted with furniture and the front and back yard shone with colors of the season.

The spirit of giving was bright the day Sue Gallagher and CSG knocked on Friends of Youth's door. With 21 Friends of Youth sites and an endless list of facility projects, there is always room for more businesses to "feel the spirit" of making a difference in the lives of youth in our community.

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