

EAST HAMPTON VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

EAST HAMPTON NEW YORK

TO: BOARD MEMBERS
SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT

JUNE 27, 1975

The time since my last report has progressed rapidly and busily a here at Neighborhood House.

Our Ladies' Service Club continues on as in the past with their weekly meetings and monthly suppers. Their rummage sale of last week was a fine example of their efforts to help in the support of all that Neighborhood House has always meant to them. As a result of their work I have an envelope to give Mrs. Usher containing one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirty-three cents (\$187.33), this from hard work and much fun and laughter enjoyed by all our ladies.

St. Matthew's Guild has continued on with their meeting and work, giving generously fifty dollars (\$50.00) in appreciation for the use of the house.

The Boys Scouts have met each week as before. The complete troupe along with their leaders gave a full Saturday in time at the end of the past fall season, cleaning up the grounds for us.

Basketball groups have continued to meet each week through the year as before.

The Neighborhood Ballet Group has met here now for a year and a half. On the 15th of this month they gave their first recital for parents and friends. ~~IT WAS A~~ GREAT SUCCESS! All who attended, a full house, enjoyed themselves immensely and showed it.

Our Neighbors Senior Citizens Art class met each week and have expressed the fact that they have enjoyed immensely the time spent here.

Our Nursery School has been successful in its progress and planned preparation given our children for their kindergarten year and the time that is to follow. Each child has had an individual place along with a "togetherness one" promoting the natural happy interested

enthusiasm which is so necessary for the balanced sense of security needed in the life ahead for each of them.

A plan which I have been working on since my second year here has taken firm root and it is with sincere gratefulness that I am able to tell you that due to its success our President, Mrs. Selah Lester attending our graduation last week for our children, received a donation in the amount of three hundred and forty-one (~~\$341.00~~) 356.50 dollars from our Neighborhood House Mother's Group, Mrs. Lester representing our Board, accepted this donation and thanked all for their participating efforts. The morning was a happy conclusion to our school year which was closed at the end of a luncheon prepared completely cleared by a group of our mothers.

The money donated is the result of three years efforts on the part of mothers and our staff in their help to bring about the success of a plan which I felt could bear fruit for the benefit of Neighborhood House. It came from food and bake sales, a fashion show, and a silver tea.

Originally it was planned that we would purchase motion picture equipment in order to have children's quality movies shown at a reasonable cost, thereby benefiting both the house and the children. Through the time that followed since its beginning, and after much thought, I have talked with parents and felt it best to temporarily at least, set aside these plans in the hopes that they could be resumed in a future time.

My plan has been centered around our children, in the belief that through time and effort a missionary spirit could be fed and nurtured which could be a means to capture the hearts of these children and their families. This would give them a much needed outlet for their years ahead and at the same time give Neighborhood House an added new strength needed for the support in the years to come. It follows that all who have worked so hard in the past and continue to do so in the present could be inspired by the gifts which can come from the love of these children and their families in their efforts to show appreciation for the loving care and happiness which they have received here.

There is much more to be said for all of this. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning it.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of you for the increase in salary which I received shortly after our last meeting. It was - and is - much appreciated. It is my hope that your trust in me will be rewarded by the unfolding of the plan which has taken root and which I feel has no limit in its potential for its ability to benefit this unique organization, Neighborhood House

Thank you again.

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