

Mr. William Dessner
369 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Dessner:

Mrs. George Starke has written and asked me, as Secretary-Treasurer of the East Hampton Visiting Nurse Association, to make available to you certain information regarding the Association in connection with Mrs. Myrtle L. Shepard's legacy.

There is enclosed copy of the Certificate of Incorporation from which you can see that the purpose of the Association, back in 1920, was to provide and maintain an infirmary. This was, of course, in the days when there were few doctors, hospitals were many miles apart, and it was the custom ~~to remove~~ for tonsils to be removed at the first sign of a cold or sore throat. The Association has remained active over these many years and progress in all phases of living during that time has naturally broadened our activities.

These activities are best described on Internal Revenue Service Form 990-A, Page 2:

Question 2: Attach a detailed statement of the nature of your business, charitable, and all other activities.

"The East Hampton Visiting Nurse Association owns and maintains a large building known locally as the "Neighborhood House", with an adjoining play area equipped with swings, seesaws, back-topped court, ect.

The building is used for pre-kindergarten groups under the supervision of a director and two adult assistants; for some religious meetings; for Church sponsored basketball teams (ages 10-15) of all religions; Boy Scouts; Cub Scouts; Girl Scouts; meetings of numerous local civic organizations; sponsored parties and dances for teenagers. The building is used, and is available for use, by all organizations of the community and by all Church groups."

A report is filed each year with the New York State Department of Social Welfare- Form CR-131A - "Short Form Annual Report - Charitable Organizations"; and also with the Internal Revenue Service - Form 990-A "Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax". Our fiscal year begins June 1 and ends May 31. The officers are:

President
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. George Starke
Mrs. Edward Maguire
Mrs. John B. Usher, Jr.

The Association derives its income from various sources - among which are:

Annual appeal letter sent out on May 1st of each year.
Benefit Bridge and Tea at the Maidstone Club.
Contributions (other than those received in answer to the appeal letter).

Interest: John D. Stokes Fund; Matilda Donohue Special
Endowment Fund; Regular Savings Account.

Quarterly payments from the Katherine Appleton Estate.
Contributions "In Memory Of"

We are, as you may or may not know, a small community and because of this each of us, as individuals, have a deep interest in each other and in the things which affect our community life. Mrs. Shepard knew the "Neighborhood House" well, and was always interested in it and the part it played in the life of our community.

It is my hope that the information that I have given you is what you need.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary-Treasurer

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