

Manpower Offices Open Their Doors

Comprehensive Manpower is ready to go.

Harold Chilton, acting director of the employment training and placement program, says the three-office agency is now staffed for operation in and out of the Model Neighborhood.

Comprehensive Manpower is for all High Point residents. The office takes job orders from all Model Cities Commission projects and tries to correlate them with their applications on file.

The goal is to get as many Model Neighborhood residents on the job and involved in the program as possible.

The two branch offices are located at 208 Vail Street in the same building as Concentrated Social Services, and in Daniel Brooks Community Center. Its administrative office is in the Arcade Building, 329 N. Main Street.

Chilton has been on the job since September organizing his staff and setting up his offices. A permanent director, yet unhired, will join the staff in January.

An employment agency which does not charge its clients, Comprehensive Manpower counsels its applicants, and places some of them in jobs and others to training courses funded by the Manpower Development Training Act.

Although Chilton and his staff make no guarantees that their clients will find jobs as a result of their help, the director says that "generally speaking, training enhances one's chance of employment, and better employment."

During the MDTA training periods, students are eligible for a stipend up

to 12 months. Courses are available for secretarial, clerical, auto repair, welding, upholstery, sheet metal and other skills.

On-the-job training is also offered to qualified applicants. Fields of training include dye cast operator, plumbers, carpenters, and other apprentice-type jobs.

Chilton and his staff of six hope to serve at least 350 to 450 persons within the next six months. Comprehensive Manpower works closely with Vocational Rehabilitation and the Employment Security Commission in placing applicants.

Comprehensive Manpower, currently funded by supplemental funds of Model Cities, will go under the auspices of Guilford Technical Institute on January 1. After the Model Cities funds have been expended, Chilton said the agency and its new sponsor hope to be financed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by spring.

Office hours of the employment service are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and evenings by appointment.

Chilton urges all persons who are having employment problems, particularly those without a skill and those in the Model Neighborhood area, to stop by for consultation.

"We want to elevate as many persons as possible into a better economic status," he says. "And we're open to everyone."

Christmas Parties Planned For Neighborhood Youth

Santa is coming to the Model Neighborhood December 16 and 17.

The red-suited elf's visit is being sponsored by the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee for all children of the Model Neighborhood.

Four parties are planned for 3 to 5 p.m. on each of the two days. On Thursday, December 16, Santa will be at Hillside Recreation Center and Clara Cox Recreation Center. The following day he will call at the Model Cities Citizen Participation office at 1305 Franklin Street and at Fourth Street YWCA.

Each child will receive refreshments and a gift, provided by public donations and several churches in High Point.

Inter-Agency Committee chairman Milt Stallings, who also heads the Citizen Participation office, said they hope to reach some 5,000 Model Neighborhood children during the two-day period.

Volunteer workers are needed to help decorate, finance, and publicize the party, as well as help repair and wrap the donated toys, Stallings added.

The Christmas party is designed not only to bring joy to children, but to involve Model Neighborhood residents in the planning and preparation, he said. From the volunteers, Stallings and his group hope to involve more persons in the Model Cities process.

The sponsoring agency for the party includes 11 local, public and private service institutions who try to deal with problems not dealt with by other agencies.

Its members are High Point Model Cities Commission, Jaycees, Housing Authority, Redevelopment Commission, Legal Services, and Police-Community Relations Department, Guilford County Office of Economic Opportunity (Southside Economic Opportunity Center), Department of Social Services, Salvation Army, Youth Unlimited and Urban Ministry.

Coordinating the parties at the individual locations are Dave Adkisson, Connie Allen, Larry Thomas and Stallings.

The sponsors chose the sites in the various Model Neighborhood areas with hopes that no child would be out of walking distance of a party.



LONDON WOODS' first six homes were open to the public Sunday afternoon. The joint venture of two local churches will provide housing for low- to moderate-income families, particularly those who now reside within the Model Neighborhood. (High Point Enterprise Photo by Sonny Hedgecock)

London Woods Homes- First Six Are Ready

London Woods, a joint housing venture of First Baptist Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, was opened to the public for the first time Sunday, November 28.

Six of the planned 104 single-home units were open for inspection. The development is located on a 42-acre tract on Cedrow Avenue.

The completion of these first six houses is the culmination of a project which began in June, 1969, by members of the two congregations. The churchmen recognized a need for low- to moderate-income housing in High Point.

In order to provide such housing, the two churches established a non-profit organization called the High Point Housing Association, Inc., which took the option on the wooded tract in September.

The City of High Point and the Federal Housing Administration approved the subdivision, and North Carolina National Bank's Mortgage Corporation agreed to make loans to the association and to provide permanent financing.

Technical services and money have been provided by the Low Income Housing Development Corporation, a federally-financed non-profit firm located in Durham.

The newly-formed High Point Housing Development Corporation granted \$52,000 in land-writedown funds to help keep prices of homes within the reach of families with low incomes. Model Cities also was instrumental in attracting special assistance funds from the federal government.

As a result, priority of sale of London Woods homes will be given to Model Neighborhood residents who qualify. Income levels are adjusted according to number of children in a family. An example of the maximum income is \$5940 for a couple with no children.

Houses, which are being built on five different floor plans, range in cost from \$17,800 to \$20,800. Down payment on each house is \$200.

Monthly payments will range as low as \$87 to \$101, including taxes and insurance, depending upon income. Under the National Housing Act the interest rate may be as low as 1 percent. Eligibility is determined by an applicant's income and the number of children in his family.

Consumer Credit Counseling, Inc., is working closely with prospective buyers of the London Woods Homes.

Most of the planned houses will

have electric heat. There are two-bedroom, three-bedroom with 1½ baths, and four-bedroom units in the development. The land has been landscaped so that a minimum of trees had to be cut.

Prospective buyers are encouraged to contact the Housing corporation soon so that they may help design their own homes before they are built. Construction of all houses is expected to be completed within 12 to 18 months.

Information can be obtained by calling George E. Freeman, Dr. Otis E. Tillman, the Rev. William Price of St. Mary's Church or the Rev. F. C. Andrews of First Baptist Church.

Information Unit Goes To Mall

Model Cities' Mobile Information Unit is at Westchester Mall this weekend.

The mobile unit, jointly sponsored by the Model Cities Commissions of High Point and Winston-Salem, is equipped with pamphlets and other printed material about Model Cities and its related projects.

Model Cities staff members are on hand during the three-day period — Friday through Sunday during Mall hours — to answer questions and give information. Films pertaining to Model Cities and its programs will be shown as well.

The center is usually rotated through the Model Neighborhood areas, parked on one site for a week at a time. The seasonal rush at the local shopping mall, however, will give more exposure to the unit to residents of the High Point community at large.

Westchester officials allowed the unit to be parked outside J. C. Penney's entrance at Baskin-Robbins ice cream parlor. It is open until 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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