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Verdell Hayes talks with Jan Dehey during last week's open house at the new AIDS Care Service site.

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Place of Grace

AIDS Care Service has new site to call home

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Last year produced a cruel, cruel summer for AIDS Care Service. Last winter wasn't a walk in the park either for the 10-year-old local agency that provides a variety of programs and services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

On Aug. 22, 2000, the group's distinctive blue headquarters on Second Street had to be demolished after a defective storm drain made it uninhabitable. AIDS Care Service (ACS) activities and administrative offices were shuffled like a deck of cards, recalls Latry Roth, executive director of ACS.

"I was in a basement at our family care home (Holly Haven). We rented an apartment for some administrative offices," he said. "We even used a local church. It was a hard winter."

There was a lot of talk last week about just how hard the last 12 months were among ACS staffers, volunteers and clients as the agency held a grand opening and open house for its new headquarters, a freshly renovated, house-like building on West Forth Street. Symbolically, the open house event took place exactly one year after the demolition of the Second Street location.

There were lean years for the

agency before the devastation of 2000. When ACS was first charted in the early '90s, AIDS was just beginning to be discussed openly. During those times, community support was limited. But time has changed that, Roth said.

The community embraced the ACS after the tragedy, financially and with much sympathy and blessings. ACS also was blessed with a grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. The grant made the new building possible.

"We feel that we are an expression of the community's care and concern for people who are HIV positive," Roth said.

ACS purchased the building from Dimpsy and Sarah Brooks, who once ran their ambulance service from the site. The Brooks were in awe over the building's transformation as Roth led them on a tour during the open house.

"They have done a really super job with the building," Dimpsy Brooks said as he scanned the neatly-done walls of the building.

The Brooks sold their business in 1995, putting the building up for sale just last year.

Sarah Brooks said, "It's amazing that this building became available about the same time they needed a place. I am so excited it

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Sister Dennis Eileen, right, is escorted into the new ACS Building.

NAACP looking for answers in alleged beating

Sheriff's deputies involved in the incident have been reassigned to desk work

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THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem NAACP is looking for answers and asking questions in the case of 20-year-old Nakia "Nik" Glenn, a black motorist whose alleged beating by two white Forsyth County sheriff's deputies landed Glenn in the critical ward of a local hospital.

The NAACP has begun its own investigation into the Aug. 19 incident. The Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation will also try to uncover what happened between Glenn and the deputies.

After reviewing initial reports about the incident, which occurred after Glenn was pulled over near Cleveland Avenue, the department decided to call in the SBI, but state agents have not arrived yet and are not expected to until sometime next week, according to an official at the department.

Bill Tatum, president of the Winston-Salem NAACP, has sent

a letter to the SBI urging it to move on with its investigation as soon as possible.

Tatum said the local NAACP has been talking to witnesses to the incident and will soon put out a report of their own. He said the local NAACP may also send a letter to the U.S. Justice Department.

"We are concerned about the civil rights issues involved here," he said.

Tatum said those questioned by the NAACP about the chain of events say that Glenn's actions did not provoke those of the officers, who, some allege, beat Glenn with flashlights.



Tatum

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Nursing crunch is great concern for local entities

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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A shortage of nurses in the United States has made both the healthy and the sick a bit uneasy, and according to the federal government, the problem will only get worse.



Flack

A study last year partially conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) reveals that nearly 1.5 million nurses will be needed in the next 10 years to help serve the aging baby-boomer

population. But while demand continues to grow, fewer people are entering nursing schools. Enrollment numbers in nursing programs have plummeted each year for the last five years.

Many feel the nursing shortage will have devastating effects on the level and quality of health care given to those in need. Concern has driven one group of health care professionals to drive an RV around the country to encourage citizens to sign a mammoth petition that will be delivered to legislators in Washington next month.

The American Health Care Association started the RV tour, called "Drive for Quality Care," back in July. Winston-Salem became the 46th city the group visited last week, when the RV docked in the parking lot of the Oaks at Forsyth, a nursing home run by

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Annual gala nets thousands

10th Kennedy Evening of Elegance benefits The College Fund/UNCF to the tune of \$300,325

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The Kennedy Evening of Elegance was founded in 1991 by Dr. and Mrs. Charlie and Willie Kennedy to benefit The College Fund/UNCF. More than 300 supporters donated a minimum of \$150 each to attend this annual black-tie affair to share in the excitement and commitment to help bright, ambitious students achieve a college education. The 10th annual Kennedy Evening of Elegance was held on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Kennedy estate. This year's efforts yielded \$300,325 for the College

Fund/UNCF.

Marilyn Baldwin Richards, area development director - North Carolina, shared her exhilaration about this year's results.

"This is wonderful. Dr. Angelou, at whose seat I sit, often makes a statement that I find fitting here. 'Look where we've come from' - \$32,000 to more than \$300,000. This is very good! On behalf of The College Fund/UNCF, I want to thank all of you... Since 1985 Dr. and Mrs. Charlie and Willie Kennedy have been our hosts, and we are not letting go."

Richards elaborated on the fund-raising strategy of the

Kennedy couple.

"For the last five or six years, Mrs. Kennedy has been telling Dr. Kennedy who to call and how to raise money. Dr. Kennedy deliberates on his decision until darkness comes, comes, comes and comes again, but his decision always comes out in our favor," Richards said. "I have listened to him over the years express his belief in higher education. He loves what he does. He loves little children. He always says, 'If you want to help our young people, you ought to educate them.' For the last 10 years, we thank both of you for your lead-

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The Kennedy Evening of Elegance Committee presents the College Fund/UNCF with a check for \$300,325.