

Vivian Lee Reassures By Telephone

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Although her work — for which she receives no pay — is time-consuming, Vivian says "I dearly enjoy it!"

"Some worry about me if I don't call them. I really love them for that. They look forward to my call so much."

Mrs. Lee, who has four children from ages 19 to 10, worked with the local OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) office from its beginning here, serving as unofficial hostess and community organizer. A High Point native, she became involved in Model Cities during preparations for the First Action Year.

On account of an accident, she found she had to quit work and remain at home. She has found a new vocation, though, in her telephone reassurance work.

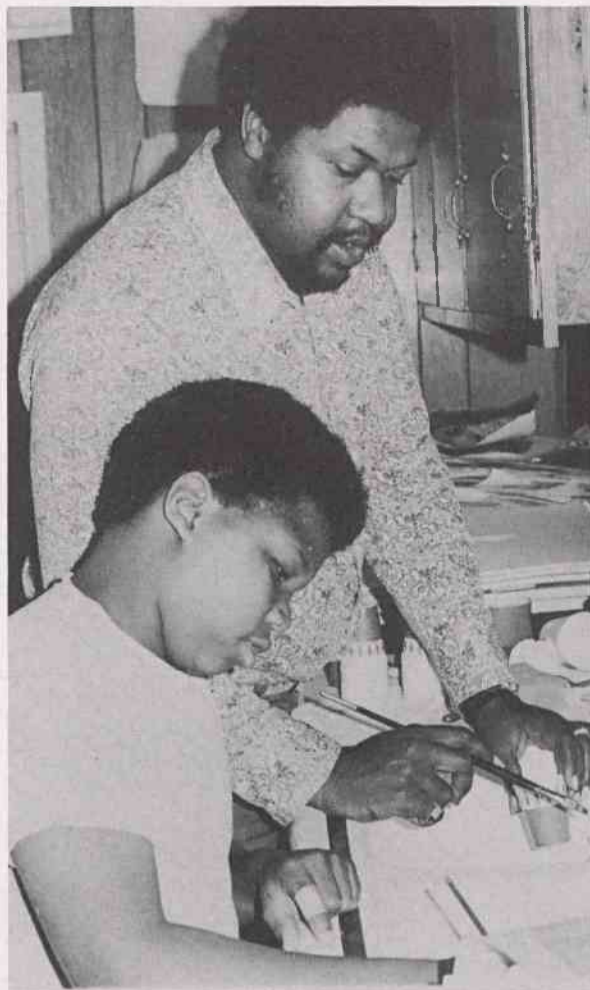
"Some of them are so cheerful and never complain. And they really love to talk! Sometimes it's hard to get off the phone once you get on with them. But we just laugh and carry on. . . . Sometimes I don't know who's doing the reassurance — me or them!"

Mrs. Lee is concerned that more housewives like herself volunteer for telephone reassurance. "I do wish more would get involved. These people were here before we were; they need someone to care."

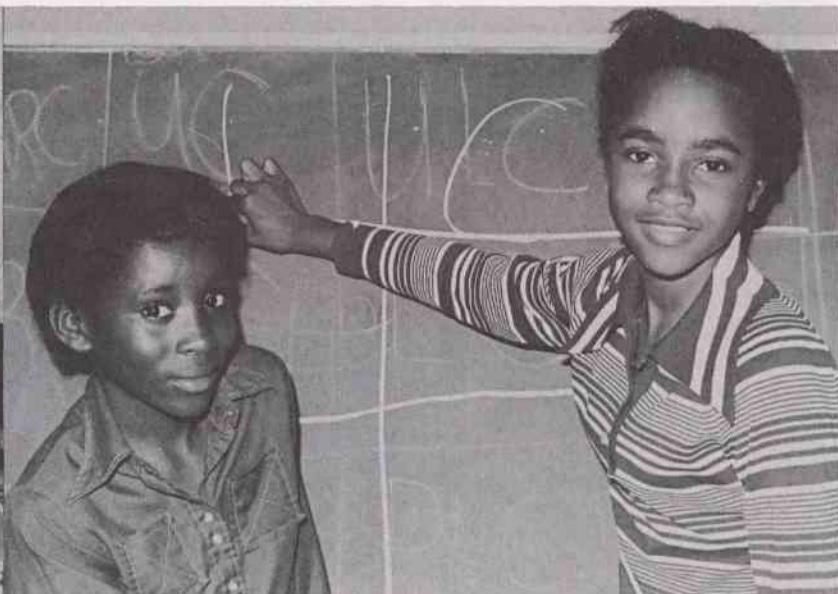
Ralph Cauthen, director of Concentrated Social Services, also urges both men and women to volunteer. "There's an endless potential for service of this type," he said. "Indeed we're looking for more volunteers."

Ruth Foster at the Daniel Brooks office, 885-0078, joined his request. "People like Mrs. Lee are doing a wonderful job, and they're very dedicated. We're still recruiting, though," she added.

"We don't get paid, no," Mrs. Lee summed up, "but most of them thank me every day for calling them — they get so lonesome. They need somebody to care. That's all the pay I need."



Project Director Thurman DeBose with Dennis Charles of 704 E. Commerce Street.



Robin Austin of 804 E. Commerce Street and Angela Archie of 1213 Olga Street discuss stage directions.



Above, Phillip Kirkpatrick of 407 Whiteoak Street with Arlisa Whitley of 809 E. Commerce Street. At right, Arlisa's sister, Elizabeth Whitley, shows off one of her own paintings.



Art Is A Together Thing...

The Cultural Arts Center, located at 417 Walnut Street in the Spring Valley neighborhood, is a Model Cities project operated by the High Point Arts Council. It is open every evening after school for Model Neighborhood boys and girls aged 10 to 24.

To Attend Region IV Workshop

Five Model Neighborhood residents will join staff members from Model Cities' Citizen Participation project in attending a training conference on public information and news gathering in Athens, Ga., May 26-28.

The workshop is sponsored by Region IV Citizens Council, an Atlanta-based office comprised of citizen participation coordinators from Model Cities throughout Southeastern United States.

Representatives from the Model Neighborhoods in cities from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky will attend the workshop.

Region IV Citizens Council was organized to plan regular training con-

ferences on various aspects of community life. The session scheduled for Athens is one of three planned for this year. Skills in editing, distribution and media relations will be discussed by panels made up of public information officers from seven member cities.

Those attending as delegates from High Point are Darrell Ingram, president of the Unity Club; Donald Golden, Unity Club member; Ronald Alexander, Neighborhood Youth Corps worker; Ida Covington, Model City Commissioner; and Nettie Coleman, Evaluation Task Force member.

Milton Stallings, director of Citizen Participation and a board member of the Citizens Council, and two of his

staff members, Victoria Thekkekandam and Aljuana Curry, are also scheduled to go.

Region IV is designed to give Citizen Participation workers a forum to exchange problems and ideas, and to serve as a training ground for enhancing greater participation on a local level. Coordinators are hoping to show residents who attend this workshop how they can participate in communications within their neighborhood.

The council is funded jointly by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which funds Model Cities, and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Credit Tip

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Look for all the information you can about credit.

Deal only with reputable lenders and credit dealers.

Borrow or buy with credit only as much as you can comfortably repay out of future income.

Stagger your debts by paying off one major obligation before taking on another.

Use credit primarily for things you really need and for things that will be of value to you after payments are completed.

Reduce credit costs by making the largest down payment you can manage.

Keep a record of purchases you charge or buy on time so you know what you will owe each month.

Limit your monthly payments to an amount you can comfortably pay while still meeting your other needs.

Make your payments on time so you can keep a good credit rating.

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