

Step One expands outreach in housing units

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Step One Inc. is preparing to take its drug prevention program out of the office and to the people where it is most needed, said the agency's executive director.

The agency recently announced plans to implement a new drug prevention and treatment program which would provide counseling services in four of the city's public housing units. John Shields, executive director of Step One, said the demonstration project is designed to provide drug counseling services in victims' own communities, where they feel most comfortable.

"The key to this project is meeting people where they are," he said. "We're going to take the agency to the people."

The program, which is a three-year experimental project funded by the new Federal Initiative of the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention,

will place trained counselors in the Happy Hills, Cleveland Avenue, Kimberly Park and Piedmont housing projects. The counselors will be based in office space within the units provided by the city's Housing Authority.

Shields said this project is an outgrowth of a pilot program initiated at Kimberly Park during the summer months. That program, he said, was well received in the community and provided much of the impetus for the new program.

"We got a very good reception with the program at Kimberly Park," Shields said. "We got more people than we could have imagined. That program paved the way for this project."

Anita Dunston, adolescent counselor for Step One, coordinated the pilot program at Kimberly Park and said she expects the new, expanded program to provide a much-needed service for the community.

"I think this program will be a

tremendous asset," said Ms. Dunston. "The persons based in the housing units will be a part of that community. They should get a lot more accomplished."

Shields said the counselors will work a regular 40-hour week but will have schedules that will allow them to be at the office in the evening, when the need for visits may be greater.

Ms. Dunston said that under the pilot program she visited on a varying schedule and was not situated for any specified amount of time. The new program, she said, will base counselors in a particular unit and allow them to become more involved with the day-to-day lives of the units' residents.

Shields said the project will follow the three-tier approach to counseling for drug abuse, which includes prevention, intervention and treatment. He said families living in the unit who have problems with drug use are counseled and

referred to agencies for treatment. Shields said also that, despite the popular belief that the majority of people with drug problems are teen-agers, 80 percent of the residents served in the pilot program have been adults. Ms. Dunston said most of the program participants she has worked with have been adults and that a surprising number are over 40.

"Quite a few of them are senior citizens," she said. "Not because they want to (abuse drugs), but many may overmedicate by accident."

Ms. Dunston said that older residents who live alone often take medication and later are not able to remember whether they took it or not and take more "just to make sure."

The Step One project was among 863 national applicants for grant funding and was one of only two agencies in North Carolina to have such funding requests granted.

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Wake Forest announces minority graduate fellowships

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has endowed a minority fellowships program in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Wake Forest University.

The foundation made an initial grant of \$25,000 and will continue funding until the endowment

reaches \$75,000, according to Robert M. Freshse, Jr., executive director of the New York foundation.

The fellowships are the first in Wake Forest's Graduate School which are specifically designated to aid minority students. Gerald R.

Esch, dean of the graduate school, said that the fellowships will be awarded by a committee composed of members of the graduate council. The amount of each will vary according to need and the program in which the student is enrolled. The first awards will be made for the 1988-89 academic year.

Lilly elevated to 33rd degree of Masonry in Oklahoma

Rodell Lilly was recently elevated to 33rd degree of Masons during a ceremony in Tulsa, Okla.

Lilly came to Winston-Salem in 1947 when he was employed by the R. J. Reynolds Co. He worked with the R.J.R. Co. for 33 years and then retired.

Lilly has been active in several organizations in the city including membership in St. James A.M.E. Church, where he served as Vice-Chairman of the Steward Board for 25 years. He is a class leader and Sunday school teacher and teacher for the Men's Adult Bible Class as well as a member of the Lay Organization of the church.



Lilly

He has served as Junior and Senior Deacon, Warden and later Master of the Salem Lodge. Presently, he is serving as chairman of the Investigation Committee.

He has been Second and First Lieutenant for the King Solomon consistory No. 64 and was also elected Commander-in-Chief, serving two years, for the lodge.

Lilly was a member of the Sethos Temple No. 170 Mystic Shrine where he was active in the Drill Patrol Unit.

In 1974, Lilly was given a life time membership after serving in the lodge for 30 years.

Post #220 members attend auxiliary meeting in Charlotte

The Ralph R. Morgan Post #220 American Legion Auxiliary members attended the 4th Division meeting held at the American Legion #221 Post in Charlotte Saturday, Oct. 24.

Agnes Howe, 4th Division president presided at the meeting. The Preamble to the Constitution was led by Martha G. Jones, vice president, 18th District.

Vickie Benton, department president, addressed the group on "Keeping Your Doors Open to Our Veterans and Their Families."

Ms. Benton said that each unit member should make a special effort to visit the Veteran's hospitals and volunteer for the many tasks that are necessary to keep contact with the sick and disabled veterans.

The American Post and auxiliary will have their annual Halloween party for approximately 400 youth ages 3 to 13, Thursday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Post Home. Prizes for costumes and talent will be awarded.

The Annual American Legion and Auxiliary Pilgrimage was held at the Central Children's Home in Oxford Sunday, Oct. 25.

The Ralph R. Morgan Post #220 and the Auxiliary attended the services.

Roy R. Leazer presided. Victoria P. Bartlett was the speaker.

Leazer presented the contributions which were accepted by Micheal Alston, Sr., executive director of the Central Children's Home.

The Children's Home is a privately-owned child care institution that depends on private contributions.

Henry A. Wilson and Joan Bell presented \$1200 to the home.

Other members who attended were Mr. H. B. Jones, Arthur Spencer, James Fair, Odell Isom, George Cason, Melvin Beatty, Southern Prysock, Wilford Gibbs, Carl Miller, Barbara Williams, Martha G. Jones, Ather Neely, Doris N. Crosby and Mary Thomas.

Also in attendance were Martha Jackson, Minnie Polite, Naomia Lone, Janie Murray, Cassandra Walker, Tokeaya Neely, Shawn Walker, Corey Walker and James Lone Jr.

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