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Mayor Harvey GantiDeals with low income persons **Mayor Harvey Gantt** Announces Housing **Assistance Grant**

Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gam announced that Charlotte will re-ceive federal bousing assistance for 50 additional needy families under the Project Self-Sufficiency Demon-stration Grant. The City of Char-lotte was notified by Congressman Alex McMillan that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had approved the applica-tion.

The new grant will provide hous-ing assistance above and beyond the City's normal allocation of Section 8 housing certificates. In making the City's normal allocation of Section 8 housing certificates. In making the announcement, Mayor Gantt said, "The Project Self-Sufficiency Program gives Charlotte a good opportunity to experiment with a new approach toward providing in-dependence for low income tenants. Within the next two weeks we will announce a task force to develop an action plan to implement the pro-gram. The task force will adminis-ter and monitor the program and the Housing Authority will manage the Section 8 certificates." Project Self-Sufficiency involves all public service agencies and volunteer groups which deal with low-income persons. Representa-tives of the task force will come from the Charlotte Housing Author-ity, local businesses, private employers, the Private Industry Council, educational institutions, agencies which deal with unem-

council, educational institutions, agencies which deal with unem-ployed single parents, and, the single parent populations. There will also be representatives of the me-dical, religious and financial com-munities. numities. The task force and local government will develop an action pro-which will be the basis for pro-viding all program services to the housing elients. Service will include job placement information, educa-tional programs, day care, etc. "It is our hope that this program will enable participants to become self-sufficient and less dependent upon government support," com-mented Mayor Gantt. The Section 8 housing certificate is used as the reward to those per-sons which commit to improving their economic status through self improvement. All individuals will be required to commit to the Self-

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Family Doctors Designate October As "Family Health Month"

The nation's family physicians want you to take a closer look at your family's health, and a month-long campaign this fall is stressing the importance of forming a "part-nership for health" with a family physician.

October has been designated "Family Health Month" by the 57,000-member American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national organization for family doctors. Governor Jim Martin has

also proclaimed "October As Fa-mily Health Month" in North Carolina:

All over the country family phy-All over the country family phy-sicians are encouraging people to take a closer look at their families' eating habits, physical fitness, men-tal health and possible hazards in the home. Americans are being urged to establish a "partner-ship for health" with a family doctor because he or she can pro-vide total health care on a continuing basis.

tinuing basis: For example, family doctors are trained to belp patient families with proper nutrition, good exercise ha-bits and dealing with stress, as well as 85-90 percent of all blomedical problems. They serve also as health advocates to the patient, referring to appropriate consulting, specialists those 10-15 percent of problems they are not trained to handle, while maintaining close contact even after referral and reassuming full re-

sponsibility thereafter. "Family physicians focus on pre-ventive as well as curative medi-cine, and educating patients and families in ways to stay well and healthy," stated Dr. Richard inskip, AAFP president-elect. "Our kind of preventive medicine - keep-ping people well and out of sick beds - is very cost-effective. Compre-hensive, continuing family health care is the best health value going." Dr. Donald Moore, president of the

North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, outlined a checklist for Family Health:

DOCTOR'S CHECKLIST Proper Nutrition - See that your family eats appropriately. Physical Fitness - Keep your family's bodies in tune (by de-veloping proper exercise and living habits). Mental Health: - Pay attention to Mental Health: - Pay attention to ur family's mental and spiritual with. (Learn to deal with stress:)



receiving a Section 8 housing cer-tificate.

Further details regarding the program will be presented to the City by HUD next week in a work-shop in Washington, D.C.

Colon-Rectal Cancer

Colon-rectal cancer does not dis-criminate between presidents or everyday people; men or women; blacks or whites; anyone! In 1985, an estimated 138,000 people will dis-cover they have colon-rectal cancer. Nearly half will die. The AMC Cancer Research Cen-ter and Medicine Shoppe Pharma-cles are leaders in the fight against colon-rectal cancer. They will offer

colon-rectal cancer. They will offer their fifth free National Colon-Rectal Cancer Screening October

Rectal Cancer Screening October 17-19. In the past four years, more than 500,000 people have used their free take-home test kits. Over 2,000 discovered health problems! President Reagan is living proof – early detection and prompt treat-ment can save lives. The colon-rectal test kit shows traces of "hidden" blood in the stool, a leading indicator of colon-rector cancer. While the test is not diag-nostic. it can also identify poten-tial health problems such as ul-cers, diverticulitis and hemorcers, diverticulitis and hemorrhoids.

The test is simple and painless Individuals follow a recommender diet during the test period. Then they mail completed kits to the AMC Cancer Research Center for free analysis.

analysis. The Research Center sends test results to all participants. If test results indicate a potential pro-blem, a second, free kit is sent for verification. Anyone with signs of a problem is advised to consult a physician for diagnosis.

To pick up a free colon-rectal cancer test kit, check the Yellow Pages for the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy nearest you.

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