

aged to participate, I now have my GED certificate, a job at the public library, have been elected a member of this board, have filed my own divorce action, and feel that I am really going places.

17. In speaking of how people who have given up are restarting, this comment was made and enthusiastically approved by everybody: You have to get the person into a group involvement before the miracle starts.

18. There are many we have not reached, many who are still not committed. We are beginning to reach more and more.

19. Senior citizens need to get away from their homes and mix with other people. Many have not been able to do this because of lack of transportation. We have arranged car pools to get the aged people out to events.

20. The established agencies are beginning to change their attitudes toward the poor. Some are doing well, but some are strongly resisting change.

21. We need a good deal more cooperation from agencies and between agencies.

22. We are the catalyst that makes it all jell.

23. We need time. A person won't respond without hope. You have to instill belief and hope, create an involvement of the person in affairs outside of the home, provide an opportunity for training or work, and this whole process takes time.

The people who made these remarks are all low-income people. Many of them are on welfare. Some of them are still, but see their way to becoming free. Many of them freely said use me as an example.

They themselves have been helped, they see and understand how they can help others and they are doing it.

Our local program at the present time is placing strong emphasis on community organizations and community centers. From these many other organizations are being formed and are active.

The ADC mothers group is a good example. They understand the things that are necessary to get people moving again. One of the groups require that each member belong to another organization and attend its meetings and report back on those meetings.

Another group sends its members in teams to those PTA meetings, school board meetings, city council meetings, county court meetings and other functions of a public and semipublic nature.

They are teaching themselves, and others, that it is possible for them to have an influence on their community to be an active participant in local affairs, to gain confidence in themselves, to believe they can successfully train for and hold jobs.

I know the time is limited but I want you to know that our community action program in Jackson County, Oreg. is a success. We are making noticeable progress in a very difficult task.

We are changing people's habits and attitudes and giving them confidence and hope. We are changing the age old concepts held by the public generally regarding poverty and the people caught by it. We are seeing some change and improvement in the long established attitudes and practices of government agencies. I have some recommendations to make which I will do categorically and I will be very glad to enlarge upon it, if you wish.