

have now a senior citizens center system throughout Fond du Lac County, also those who have been helped through our office in claiming homestead tax relief.

It was quite impressive to have our mothers from our day care center get up before an assembly of 50 or 60 people and express their deep appreciation for our activities. The older people served by the senior citizens center expressed their renewed enthusiasm for living as a result of our activities.

Others came to extend their appreciation for our personal assistance though our opportunity center, our homestead tax relief activities and many others.

I would also like to extend the appreciation of our board of directors, our committee and staff, and the many people in our day care and senior citizens centers for the personal interest our Congressman William Steiger has shown and the help he has given. Mr. Steiger has participated in the opening of our senior citizens center and has taken time from his busy schedule to make personal inspections of our agency, office, and the day care and Headstart centers and has tried to keep us informed as to the applications that we have filed for funding of various activities.

I would like to file with your committee an outline of our evaluation, the goals, the strong points and the weak points of the CAP program for your consideration.

I feel that the need for extended funding is definite, there is no question about that. We have operated on a 6-month CAP program to start out with. It was very inadequate. We had to go back in and get refinanced and refunded. The time lost in the processing of continual applications has diminished from the activities that our staff can do. I think this is a serious consideration that has to be given. I am upset hearing the rest of the panel members talk about the lack of cooperation in the communities between Federal agencies. We have had stunning success in getting the communication between agencies of the various Federal agencies and State agencies, our local groups.

I can talk about the Lions and the Jaycees and the other clubs, the Optimists who have volunteered their services, their time and their money to make this program a coordinating point for the entire community upgrading of the poverty people in our area.

We were instrumental in the organization of the senior citizen centers in Fond du Lac County. We have at present three centers operating and a fourth one funded. We have already spun off the responsibility of the daily operation of the senior citizens centers to the municipalities who came in and through their foresight took hold of these projects and made them a local community effort through the cooperation of the commission agent.

We have been rather innovative in that we have worked closely with anybody's money that we could get in that we do not just say that everything has to come from the OEO funds. We have worked with the manpower training, the vocational schools in our area trying to place these mothers and people who need the help in a program whereby they can be assisted to the best of our ability.

I can recite to you several instances of individual growth. We have a deputy director at this point who has graduated from the ADC program. She worked as a nonprofessional aid until her graduation