

office space, meeting space, public improvement equipment, and classroom equipment. Center staff salaries account for about one-third of the total allocation with the remainder of the money available for Head Start, NYC, and other CAA programs. Staff salaries range from \$1.25 per hour for part-time employees to the Director's salary of \$7,800 annually.

6. Center Programs

A variety of programs has originated from the Center which are designed to overcome some of the community problems as well as the individual problems of the poor. One of the most immediate goals involves a program of beautification and clean-up activities. The Neighborhood Youth Corps and a group of women volunteers have been instrumental in helping carry out these projects. Also, some adults have received part-time employment on the projects. It is depressing to see this community with its run-down buildings, the landscape hideously scarred by hills of chat and discolored, stagnant mill ponds, residuals of a mining operation long since gone. In view of this, the beautification efforts are rather pathetic except as make-work projects.

The town is desperately in need of a completely new sewage system. The sanitation facilities that do exist here are old and substandard and there are many places in the community where the system has broken down entirely, leaving no facilities whatever. Center personnel have been working with city officials to get funding for a proposed new sewage and water system. They have encountered many bureaucratic obstacles in their efforts to get these funds from federal sources and at the time of this study they were looking into possibilities of floating a bond issue for the money.

Due to the lack of recreation facilities, a summer recreational program for grade school children was set up where crafts and games were supervised by three girls from a nearby college. A Day Care Center and Head Start program are operational now due to the cooperative efforts of the Center staff, the schools, and the churches. The only playground facilities in the community are located at the grade school and one of the churches, and they have been made available for Center programs. A swimming pool and public playgrounds for children are included in projected goals for the future.

A Community Center for activities and services for all age groups is a much-discussed goal of the residents. At this time, no such facility exists nor are there funds available for building and operating such a Center. The NSC Director and city officials have been searching for methods of funding an operation of this type.

A number of programs, both recreational and service-oriented, have been set up for senior citizens. A social organization has been formed under Center auspices whereby these people may meet regularly to discuss their personal problems and participate in community activities as a group. This program appeared to our researchers to be a very popular one. Facilities for the meetings have been donated by one of the local fraternal organizations.

A Medicare Alert program was carried out by Center staff members to contact all senior citizens and encourage them to participate in the Medicare program. The Center has organized a group of volunteers to visit the elderly who are ill or confined to their homes to provide companionship, housekeeping services, run errands, or furnish transportation to them. These services are very popular with the many elderly people of the community and they would like to see the program extended to include more frequent visits and a counseling service.

Nursing services for all age groups and physical examinations for children are offered now by the County Health Nurse who works with Center on a referral basis. Her program also includes health information to families, and a Planned Parenthood Program is presently under consideration. Her services are supplemented by those of a sanitary engineer from a nearby county community who advises residents regarding physical conditions in the area which may cause health problems.

An Employment Department in the Center cooperates with the State Employment Service to find jobs for the unemployed in the area. Employers are contacted and encouraged to notify the Center of any job openings they may have.

The Center Director and other community leaders are involved in a constant economic development program for the area, attempting to attract new business and industry for the area, attempting to attract new business and industry to the area which would provide a new employment base for residents.

Cooperation with city officials has resulted in a plan for a new housing project. At the time of our study construction of 38 low-cost housing units was scheduled to begin immediately.