

# Funding woes to shut down Open Door?

By Lori Demo

It's a small house. Just like any other house on the 1900 block of U St. A slightly unkept lawn. A cyclone fence around the yard. A stray dog greeting visitors.

And the people inside are nice. They try to help persons who have problems. But they also have their own problem. They may not be able to help much longer. They are running out of money.

A sign outside the house says this is Lincoln's Open Door Health Center. But the center's five month history of helping may end soon. By Oct. 30, its funds will be depleted.

The center started April 1 with a three-month, \$5,000 grant from the Nebraska Regional Medical Program.

"This money ran out June 30," LaDonna Black, one of the two paid workers at the center said. "We received an additional \$2,000 from the March of Dimes, but as of Oct. 30 we will be out of money. We put in a bid for money from the city revenue sharing funds. We haven't heard on that yet, but most of the yes's have been handed out and we haven't received one."

The staff at the small house consists of two paid workers, nine VISTA members, and other volunteers.

The services include helping people find housing and providing mental health, medical, legal and welfare counseling.

Right now the center is trying to duplicate a service they performed last year when they provided free physical examinations to children attending four of Lincoln's grade schools.

Sandy Springer, another volunteer at the center said that these children otherwise would not have been able to have physicals.

"This year the doctors who volunteered and did it for free last year won't do it again because they received too much pressure from the other

doctors. So we are having trouble finding doctors."

The doors at the Center are open from 8 a.m. until midnight. Telephone calls are taken by a volunteer at this time and by an answering service after hours.

Black said that if the person needing the medical aid is not on welfare and cannot afford the services, the center will arrange for them to pay their bill on a time payment plan.

For those seeking advice, the center brings in lawyers and psychiatrists on a weekly basis.

"We have a worry clinic where one or two psychiatrists come to listen to people who have some problems along with a legal aid clinic where anyone with a legal question or problem can come and consult the lawyers," Black said.

Charita Richardson, director of the center and the other paid worker, said that a welfare team consisting of a social worker or case worker comes whenever needed.

"When the team is here anyone can come and apply for welfare and find out how much they can get or ask any problem relating to welfare," she said.

In the last five months, the people in the little house have handled 2,372 services including 558 for transportation, 369 for health and dental problems, and 872 for medical appointments.

After October 30, the counseling may cease. The door at 1915 U may be locked. The telephone disconnected.

But the people in the community, along with their problems, will remain.



The Open Door (Health Center) at 1915 U may be locked soon.

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