

NEWSLETTER

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

On June 2, 1997, Debra Peterson and Anne Nuernberg, CornerHouse Interview Specialist/Trainers, received a special commendation from Chief Robert Olson of the Minneapolis Police Department for their professionalism, composure and compassion while conducting interviews of siblings of a murdered child. The information from those interviews was critical to the homicide detectives investigating the case. Congratulations, Anne and Deb!

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please join the CornerHouse staff and Board of Directors in a warm welcome of Sharlene Shelton. Sharlene brings enthusiasm and years of expertise to CornerHouse in her position as Executive Director. Sharlene joined the CornerHouse staff on May 1, 1997. Sharlene previously served as Director of Developmental and Rehabilitation Services of Children's Health Care-Minneapolis and West. Sharlene has extensive experience in human service organizational development, financial management, and interagency collaborations with multidisciplinary teams serving children and families.

FACILITY EXPANSION GROUNDBREAKING

A groundbreaking ceremony on May 8 was well attended by CornerHouse supporters. Children made their impressions of their hands in wet cement creating concrete blocks that will be used for landscaping the expansion to our facility. Councilman Brian Herron, Champlin Chief of Police, Al Garber, Larry Paboda of United Properties and Chief Executive Officer, Brock Nelson, of Children's Health Care presented to our crowd of supporters huddled under umbrellas. We thank you everyone for venturing out on a chilly, rainy day and appreciate the strong support and success of the event.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

We are now well underway with the construction of the new building expansion to our facility. Our interview and training services have not been impeded by construction progress. A minor adjustment in an interview appointment time has enabled us to continue to see clients throughout the construction process. It is exciting to see the daily progress and we look forward to our project completion date anticipated for November 1.

DONATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS

In 1995, we reported to you that CornerHouse trainee, referents and staff consumed 6,500 cans of pop annually. In our efforts to reduce discretionary budget expenses, we asked folks to consider a nominal donation for refreshments they consume. CornerHouse will continue to provide complimentary coffee and spring water and have pop available for purchase for \$.35 and juice for \$.50.

CORNERHOUSE FUNDRAISER

It's time again to help support CornerHouse. Tuesday, June 17, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. the Twin Cities Real Estate Professionals are joining forces for a special fund-raising event-A Picnic at the Metrodome, to be followed by an evening of exciting Twins baseball. Everyone is invited. Enjoy an evening of food, fun and the first **inter-league baseball** series. The more people who attend, the more CornerHouse benefits. There are thousands of dollars in fantastic door prizes, a drawing for a quartet to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the 7th inning stretch, great auction items and free hot dogs and soft drinks. For further information, call Tony LeClerc at 927-9220. Thanks to all the Twin Cities Real Estate Professionals who work so hard each year to make this event a great time for CornerHouse supporters and their families.

JONATHON ELIAS CELEBRITY BENCH PRESS

Jonathon Elias from WCCO-TV has been very busy organizing the Third Annual Celebrity Bench Press competition to benefit the children of CornerHouse. The competition will be held again this year in the rotunda of the Mall of America on Sunday, July 13 at