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Senator Bob Dole

Keynote Speaker

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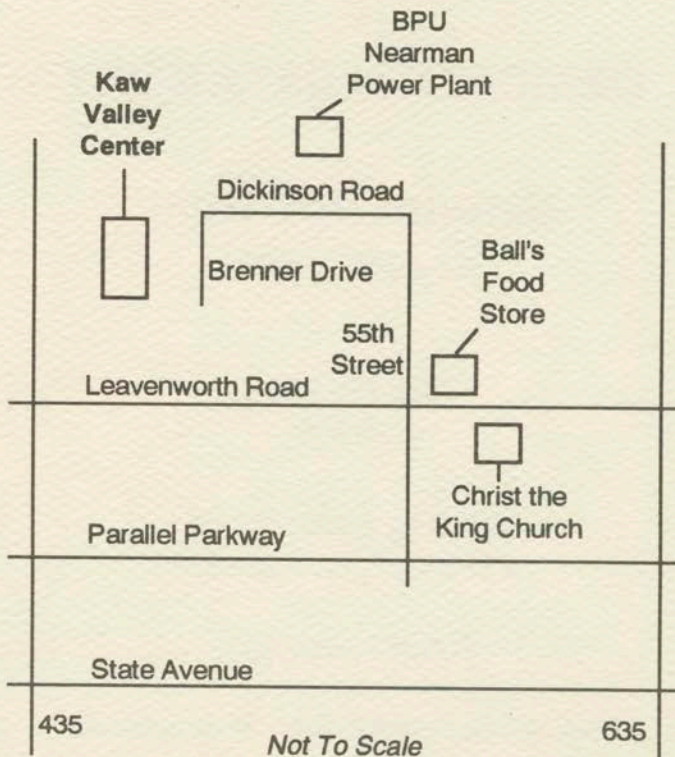
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DEDICATION OF KAW VALLEY HOUSE

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
JULY 16, 1992

YOU WILL BE MET BY BOARD MEMBERS JOSEPH BOCCHINO OF MARION
MERRELL DOW AND KEVEN MCGREEVY OF THOMAS MCGEE & SONS INSURANCE.

PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM WHICH IS
GYMNASIUM SIZE.

FORMAT - PODIUM & MIKE

PLATFORM GUESTS, LEFT TO RIGHT:

GARY GRABLE (HOME STATE BANK)
BOARD MEMBER & VICE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE
BETTY CROOKER (JOHNSON COUNTY ANTIQUE STORE OWNER)
BOARD MEMBER/PROGRAMS
MAYOR JOE STEINEGER
KANSAS SENATOR DICK BOND (EMCEE)
SENATOR DOLE
WAYNE SIMS, KAW VALLEY CENTER PRESIDENT/CEO

PRESS - OPEN

PROGRAM

WELCOME SENATOR DICK BOND
INVOCATION DR. WM MURPHY
ROLLING HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS
FOUNDATIONS & MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS
AGENCY HEADS

WELCOME MAYOR STEINEGER
WELCOME WAYNE SIMS
INTRODUCTION OF SENATOR DOLE
KEYNOTE SENATOR DOLE
"GOD BLESS AMERICA" BY SINGER MARILYN MAYE (GRATIS)
CLOSING SENATOR DICK BOND
TOUR (ACCOMPANIED BY THE PHOTOGRAPHER)

0 BOARD MEMBER JOANN BALL, "PRICE CHOPPERS," WILL BE PRESENT.

0 HUD REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR BILL BROWN, GAVE THE PAPERWORK
CAREFUL, CLOSE ATTENTION - TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE "CHECK
WAS IN THE MAIL" BEFORE THIS DEDICATION.

LAST THURSDAY, YOU WERE NOTIFIED BY HUD THAT THE \$750,000
CHECK IS BEING PROCESSED.

AN UNDERSTANDING BANK HELPED MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE
STRUCTURE TO BE BUILT, WITHOUT THE \$750,000 APPROPRIATION IN
HAND. (YOU ANNOUNCED APPROVAL OF THE APPROPRIATION BY THE
COMMITTEE 1 YEAR AGO - ON JULY 19, 1991.)

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- 0 THEY SERVE BOTH SEVERELY ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN - AND EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN. IE, SOME COME FROM FUNCTIONING FAMILIES. SO WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO OFFEND THOSE FAMILIES WITH A CHILD IN THE PROGRAM.
- 0 DURING YOUR TOUR, SOME CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THE "UNDER AGE 4" UNIT, FACES AWAY FROM THE VISITORS. THE COMPLEX IS VERY AWARE OF PROTECTING IDENTITY - AND OF AVOIDING LAW SUITS. THEY'LL DO THEIR BEST TO HAVE RESIDENTS IN PLACE. THE REMAINDER WILL BE IN THE SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM.
- 0 STAFF MEMBER CHARLOTTE LOTVEN IS COORDINATING THIS EVENT.



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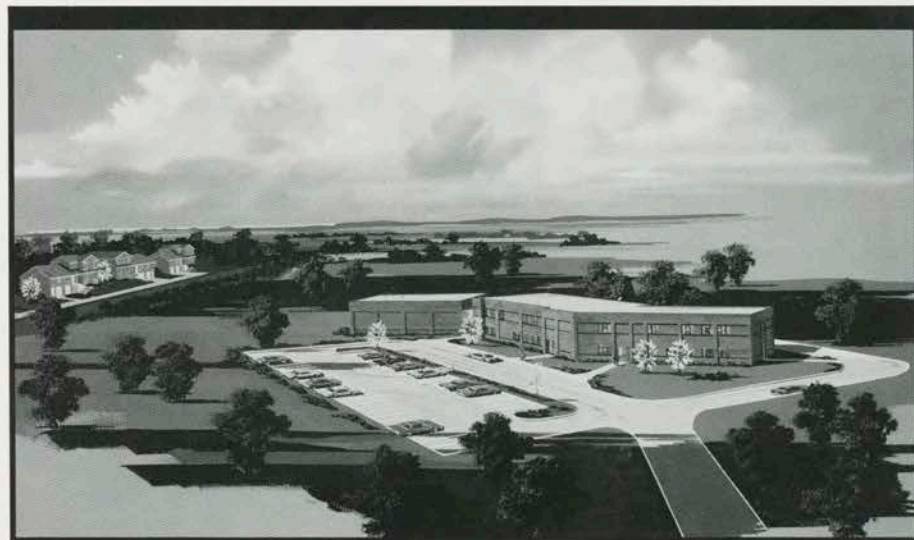
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*Grandpas and
Grandmas*

\$1.2 Million Goal Reached

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN II A SUCCESS CAMPUS EXPANSION TO BEGIN



Artist's Drawing of the Kaw Valley Children's Center with Capital Campaign II Additions

Ten years ago it was a vision, five years ago a working plan and today it is the future of Wyandotte House, Inc.--a Children's Campus that will offer a wide spectrum of services to meet virtually all the social and mental health needs of abused and neglected children. That is the lasting gift of the many foundations, corporations, businesses and private individuals who joined together to make Capital Campaign II a success.

Senator Richard Bond, Board Member and Chairman of the Campaign, announced the reaching of the \$1.2 million goal at the Annual Meeting held on September 19, 1991. Only one year earlier, Senator Bond had outlined the beginning of the campaign at this same event. The development of the Children's Campus began with the successful conclusion of
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN II (Cont.)

an initial capital campaign in the summer of 1988. As a result of that early effort, three residential treatment facilities were constructed marking the opening of the Campus.

Capital Campaign II will finance two wing additions to the existing Kaw Valley Children's Center, as well as a new emergency services center for adolescent girls. The Children's Campus is located on a 55-acre tract of land made available by the City of Kansas City, Kansas, and the Board of Public Utilities.

Leadership gifts for the campaign were received from the Hall Family Foundations, J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, the Fred and Jo Ann Ball Family, The Kresge Foundation, John W. and Effie Speas Memorial Trust (Boatmen's First National Bank of Kansas City), The Racing Association of Kansas East and Lester T. Sunderland Foundation.

But major gifts alone do not a campaign make--local support is absolutely essential for success.

The response of the local community to this critical need for additional services for children was overwhelming. Joining this partnership were The Darby Foundation, Southwestern Bell Foundation, Payless Cashways, Crosby Kemper Foundations, William Kemper Foundation, United Telecom/Sprint, Oppenstein Brothers Foundation and many others.

Not to be overlooked in the success of this project was the tremendous groundswell of support from the Board of Directors, staff and many private individuals who are the heart and soul of any successful capital campaign.

In a sense, Capital Campaign II had but one goal--to insure the health and preserve the hope of children who have been denied the love, attention and positive interaction of a healthy childhood. All those who worked in so many ways to reach this goal surely believe the poignant words of Carl Sandburg spoken long ago, "There is only one child in the world and the child's name is All Children".



Senator Richard Bond

The Kansas Association of Licensed Private Child Care Agencies (KALPCCA) recently announced that Senator Richard Bond, Board Member at Wyandotte House, Inc., is the first ever recipient of the new "Friends of Children Award".

"The Friends Award was created to acknowledge the outstanding and significant contributions of members of the business, political, volunteer and professional community," commented Bruce Linhos, Executive Director of KALPCCA. "It is truly fitting that Senator Bond is the first recipient as he is an advocate for children literally in each of these areas."

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN II

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... a note from Executive Director B. Wayne Sims

Dear Friends,

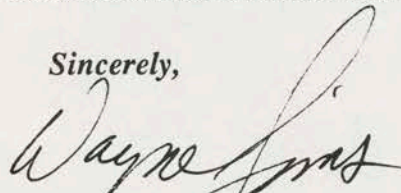
This has been an outstanding year for our organization. In September of 1990, we kicked off a capital campaign that, if successful, would allow us to add two new program components, a multi-purpose center and expansion of our day treatment program. The campaign was admirably chaired by Senator Richard Bond and very ably assisted by Board President Joe Fahey; Board Members Jo Ann Ball, Betty Crooker, Gary Grable, Bob Christine and Joan Spencer Cooke; Campaign volunteers Dr. David Lusk, Mrs. Joan Edwards, Mr. Ray Evans and Mr. Tom Mullinix; and many, many others.

The significance of this program expansion is that our organization will have the capability to meet the needs of any child who comes to our doors or who is referred to us, due to non-medical emergency situations, regardless of the emotional or behavioral problems presented. This is an unparalleled position for any organization in the State of Kansas. For too often in Kansas, like the other 49 states, children who are in State custody and who present behaviors or emotional concerns too severe, must be referred on to other more structured programs. It is not uncommon for us to admit children into one of our programs who have had over 20 prior placements in hospitals, foster homes and other residential centers.

Our programs will link together a continuum of services that will provide quality care to children who are primarily without other resources. Not only will we attempt to address the immediate children and family referral concerns, but we will attempt to work for positive long-term outcomes, as well.

In behalf of our Board of Directors, staff members and the children we serve, I would like to thank each of you who has consistently demonstrated your unwavering commitment to our organization. You have made a difference in the quality of care rendered to the children we see.

Sincerely,



*B. Wayne Sims
Executive Director*



Anne Roberts



Phil Krueger

**ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORS APPOINTED**

Anne Roberts and Phil Krueger, veteran staff who represent over 16 years of experience at Wyandotte House, Inc., have been named to the newly created positions of Associate Executive Directors for program services and administrative services, respectively.

These new positions represent the initial step of an overall agency reorganization necessary to accommodate the tremendous growth experienced in the last few years and planned for the immediate years ahead.

Anne was formerly the Director of Program Services and Phil served as the Director of Administrative Services. Both hold master's degrees--she from Kansas State University and he the University of Missouri.



Wyandotte House, Inc.
ANNUAL MEETING

Keynote Speaker

Adele Hall

Chairman of the Board of Directors
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
and Affiliated Trusts



WYANDOTTE HOUSE, INC. 1991 ANNUAL MEETING

The Keynote Speaker at Wyandotte House, Inc.'s 1991 Annual Meeting requested a short introduction from Master of Ceremonies Senator Richard Bond. In truth, no introduction was necessary at all for the name of Adele Hall is universally recognized throughout the community for her many and significant civic contributions.



For these accomplishments, and for the support shown by her and her family for the children of Wyandotte House, Inc., Mrs. Hall was presented the 1991 "Community Leadership Children's Award" by Senator Bond and Executive Director B. Wayne Sims.

In his tribute to her, Mr. Sims commented, "The Community Leadership Children's Award was developed to acknowledge the efforts of a select group of individuals on behalf of children. Our success in working with abused and neglected youth could not be done without the caring and generosity of Mrs. Hall".

Another highlight of this annual event was the announcement by Senator Bond that the \$1.2 million goal of Capital Campaign II had been reached (see story on page 1).

The evening was a time to hand out a number of other awards to acknowledge the contributions of a few individuals who represent the collective spirit of volunteerism that is vital to the operation of a private agency. Board President Joseph Fahey presided over the introductions and distribution of the awards.

Adele Hall (center above) was named as the 1991 recipient of Wyandotte House, Inc.'s "Community Leadership Children's Award" at the 1991 Annual Meeting. Pictured with her are Senator Richard Bond (left), Board Member and Chairman of the Capital Funds Committee, and Executive Director B. Wayne Sims (right).

Marybeth Leverich was chosen as the "Volunteer of the Year" for her work with the Friends of Wyandotte House, Inc. auxiliary group. The "Friends" assist with a number of activities throughout the year and respond to the individual needs of children in a variety of unique and creative ways.

Dr. William Murphy, of the Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, was on hand to accept the "Friendship Award". Last year, the church congregation donated its Christmas collection to create a

"To continue the caring tradition-- that is why we are here and that is why we are involved."

Senator Richard Bond

special fund to meet emergency medical needs, support educational programs and generally assist with meeting the overall needs of the thousand or more youth served each year in all the agency's programs.

Gary Grable and Robert Christine, Board Members, were honored for their individual sponsorship of special event fund raisers in the last year. Mr. Grable was instrumental in organizing the Wyandotte County Youth Rodeo for which Wyandotte House, Inc. was chosen as the designated beneficiary.

Mr. Christine has begun what appears to be a new tradition in this area at Christmas with his "Galleria" show at the Granada Theatre. The annual show benefits the Friends of Wyandotte House, Inc. auxiliary group.

Among the many friends who attended the Annual Meeting were Janice Kreamer, President of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and Affiliated Trusts; David Ross, Senior Vice President of Boatmen's First National Bank of Kansas City; Frank Lipovitz, Wyandotte County Commissioner; Clarence DeGraeve and Robert Milan of the Board of Public Utilities; and, Bruce Linhos, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Licensed Private Child Care Agencies.

All in all, it was a very special evening made richer by the company of many good friends. But more than a night of celebration, it was a night to remember children and to say "thank you" on their behalf.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

Charlotte Lotven
Director of Development

My favorite quote is from basketball great Bobby Knight who said "Everyone wants to play on a championship team but no one wants to come to practice". What helps make Wyandotte House, Inc. a championship organization for children and families are volunteers.

So many have "come to practice" and raised funds for our agency. One of these special people is Robert Christine.

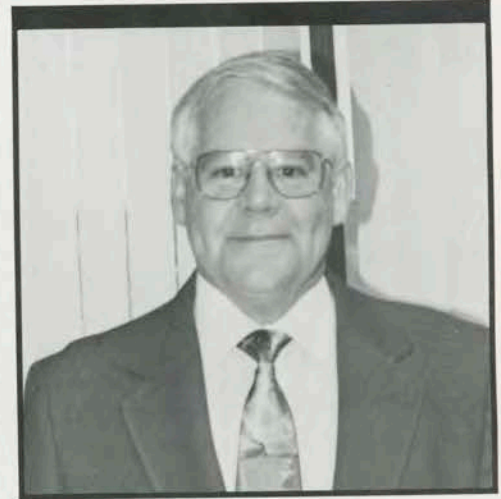
Bob and his wife Carroll and a number of sponsors will host "Galleria II - Marilyn at Christmas" the evening of Saturday, November 30. People from throughout the region will join us to enjoy Marilyn Maye's performance at the historic Granada Theatre, 1015 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

As was arranged last year for Galleria I, the street will be opened only to those attending and valet parking will also be available. Call 913/342-1212 for an invitation, tickets are \$25.00 each. Proceeds to benefit the Friends of Wyandotte House, Inc.



Accompanying nationally known singer-entertainer Marilyn Maye (center) on a recent tour of the Kaw Valley Children's Center were Carroll Christine (left), wife of Board Member Robert Christine, and Wayne Sims, Executive Director of Wyandotte House, Inc. Ms. Maye is scheduled to perform at the Christines' Christmas Galleria on Saturday, November 30.

Congratulations to the Variety Club of Greater Kansas City on the success of this year's Telethon, which benefits Wyandotte House, Inc. and many other local children's charities. Mark Sunday, March 8, on your calender for the 1992 Telethon.



Paul Anderson

SPOTLIGHT ON **PAUL ANDERSON**

Paul Anderson, Executive Director for Grocery Operations at Balls' Food Stores, is a busy man. In addition to work and family, Paul makes time for Chairmanship of the Balls' Annual Charity Classic. This year marked the tenth anniversary for this event which had an unprecedented number of sponsors and participants.

Everyone looked forward to Sunday evening's "Pairings Party" followed on Monday with a full day of golf, great food and awards. Paul commented, "People in the grocery industry from throughout the United States play in this tournament. We believe in sharing back with the community and are pleased that Wyandotte House, Inc. and other charities from the metropolitan area benefit from our efforts. We enjoy seeing what can be accomplished by these agencies with our help."

A special thank you to Fred and Jo Ann Ball, Paul Anderson and the Balls' Classic Executive Committee for their hard work.

Charlotte Lotven

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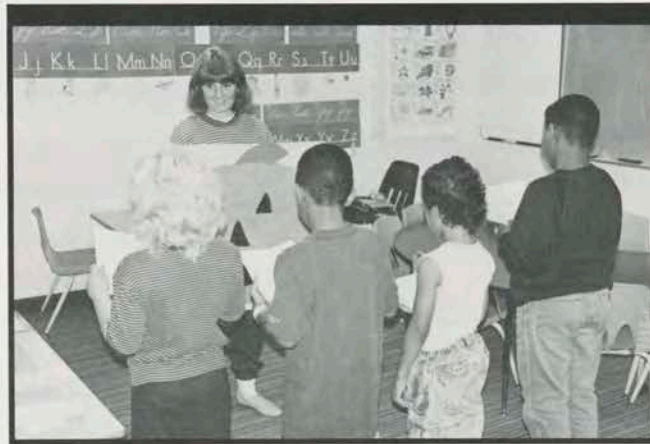
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Teacher Leigh Vader rehearses students in the 3 to 9 year-old emergency services educational classroom as they prepare to perform a Halloween skit for the residents of Presbyterian Manor.

"..... to make the Grandpas and Grandmas happy"

That is how nine-year old Michael describes the reason he and his classmates have visited the residents at the Presbyterian Manor retirement village each month since last January.

This class public service project was organized by Teacher Leigh Vader who, along with Teacher Shirley Monshausen and Paraprofessional Emily Foster, provides educational services for the children in the Neutral Ground Children's Center.

"We wanted the children to have the time to do something nice for someone else without expecting anything in return," commented Mrs. Vader.

"We feel it is very important that our children experience what it's like to make another person happy."

Before each trip, the class completes an art project that they give to the residents of the Manor. They also perform a short skit to showcase their enthusiastic, if not polished, stage skills. For Halloween, the students made centerpieces for the dining tables and were obviously proud of their handicrafts.

Each child is asked to think of one thing they can do to make the Manor residents happy. Kenneth, aged 8, has this figured out--"I just tell everyone how nice they look today".

GIFT AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

By sending a gift to Wyandotte House, Inc., you are honoring or remembering a loved one, friend or associate by enriching the lives of children.

In honor of _____

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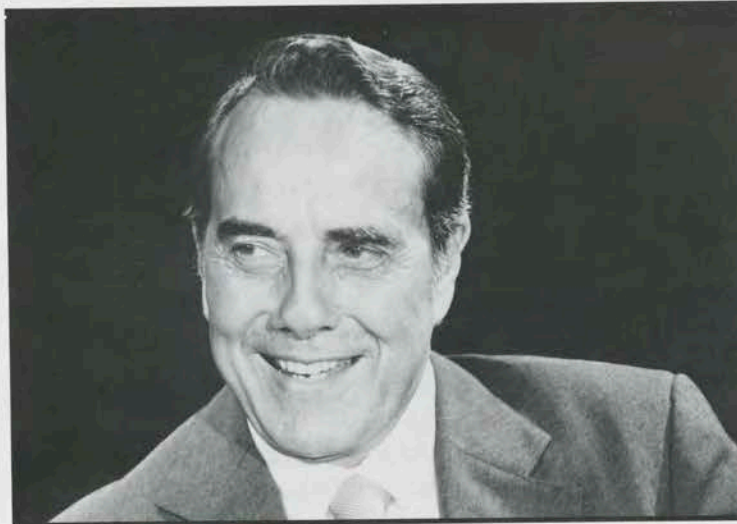
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\$750,000 Grant Will Expand Younger Children's Services

SENATOR DOLE LEADS EFFORTS TO SECURE HUD GRANT FOR NEW CHILDREN'S CENTER

Senator Bob Dole has made sure that this will be a very special Christmas for all of us at Wyandotte House, Inc. Thanks to his leadership in Congress and strong voice speaking on behalf of special needs children, Wyandotte House, Inc. has been awarded a \$750,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist in the construction of our planned expansion on the Children's Campus.



Senator Bob Dole

"Wyandotte House has served as an invaluable organization for many children and I'm pleased to see the tremendous community support for this program. It is my hope that this additional funding will assist Wyandotte House by enhancing the many services which are vital for many needy children."

Senator Dole

President Bush recently signed the appropriations bill including this grant after Senator Dole had led the effort throughout the summer to secure funding for this project. Senator Nancy Kassebaum and Representative Jan Meyers joined together with Senator Dole to champion the cause of Wyandotte House, Inc. through a lengthy, and ultimately successful legislative process to gain approval for this funding measure.

With the receipt of this federal grant, we have the unique opportunity to bring together the (Continued on Page 2)

YOUNGER CHILDREN'S WING TO BE NAMED FOR SENATOR BOB DOLE

In honor of his efforts on behalf of the children of Wyandotte House, Inc., the Board of Directors voted unanimously at its November 21, 1991, Board Meeting to name the unit of the new Children's Center that will provide services to children aged birth to nine the "BOB DOLE YOUNGER CHILDREN'S WING".

WYANDOTTE HOUSE TO RECEIVE HUD GRANT (Cont.)

public and private sectors in a creative partnership to meet the complex needs of a tragically growing population of abused, neglected and emotionally impaired children in Kansas.

In September of this year we completed and exceeded a \$1.2 million Capital Funds Campaign to continue the expansion of our Children's Campus originally opened in 1988. By combining these funds, raised primarily from foundations, businesses and private individuals, with the HUD grant over \$2 million is now available to enhance, expand and add programs to create a network of services for children that will be unsurpassed in the Midwest.

"Senator Dole's effort has placed us at the threshold of achieving a longstanding goal of Wyandotte House, Inc.--to not turn away any children referred to us regardless of the severity of their problems," commented B. Wayne Sims, President of Wyandotte House, Inc.. "We are committed to working with all children without having to refer them to other programs for specialized treatment. From child psychiatrists and nurses to therapeutic social workers, we have assembled a professional treatment team that views no child as unreachable."

Mr. Sims continued, "We are truly fortunate to have the support of Senators Dole and Kassebaum and Representative Myers. Their involvement in our organization contributes tremendously to the quality services we provide to a very special group of children."

Beyond the residential services now provided by Wyandotte House, Inc., this project will support the expansion of non-residential services, as well as the creation of new programs, in the areas of day treatment, family preservation, adventure education, outpatient services, prevention and outreach, community education and aftercare.

When this construction project is completed next year, the Children's Campus will feature a multi-purpose building of approximately 50,000 sq. ft., incorporating the current Kaw Valley Children's Center, and three freestanding residential treatment centers. On-campus services will include residential treatment, intensive treatment, crisis intervention, emergency services, day treatment, educational programs, family foster care, adoption, family preservation, outdoor adventure course, outpatient clinic and other prevention and outreach programs.



Board of Directors Executive Committee Chairman Joseph Fahey and his wife Sue.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORMAT REORGANIZED

At the November Board Meeting, the Board of Directors of Wyandotte House, Inc. unanimously approved a bylaws revision to revamp the format of board membership.

Under the new plan, the Board of Directors will consist of up to 100 individuals who will be elected to one year terms. In turn, the Board will elect an Executive Committee for three year terms that will meet on a monthly basis to oversee the administration and operation of the agency. The full Board of Directors will meet twice annually.

The newly elected officers of the Executive Committee are Joseph Fahey, Chairman; Betty Crooker, Vice Chairman - Programs; Gary Grable, Vice Chairman - Finance; Sue Bond, Secretary/Treasurer; William Cashman, Past Chairman; and, B. Wayne Sims, President/CEO. At-large members are Marianne Aitken, Jo Ann Ball, Senator Richard Bond, Colonel Bert Cantwell, Therese Bysel, Robert Christine and Ellen McCarthy.



KALPCCA HONORS WAYNE SIMS

Wayne Sims, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wyandotte House, Inc., was presented a "Friends of Children Award" by the Kansas Association of Licensed Private Child Care Agencies (KALPCCA) at its 1991 Annual Meeting held last month.

Mr. Sims, shown at the far left with KALPCCA Executive Director Bruce Linhos, was acknowledged for the leadership he provided to KALPCCA and its member agencies during the past two years while he served as President of the association.

"May the peace and joy of this holiday season be yours."

The Board of Directors, Staff and Children of Wyandotte House, Inc.

A Message from the President . . .

Dear Friends,

On my wall is a framed picture of a footprint of a very special little girl and underneath the footprint is a paragraph that states . . . "Some kids are masked from birth. Because they lack a stable family environment, they spend their early, formative years searching for their identities. Sometimes they need a helping hand." This little girl, in a very short life span, has served as a catalyst for helping many other distressed children who, although enduring many hardships, will live on. And, we will continue to incorporate those feelings in our work with children.

In our agency we have always tried to enlist the support of competent, caring people for both staff and board positions. Special degrees, board experience or extensive training, in and of themselves, are not sufficient. That resume and a caring heart, however, are precursors for our board of directors and our service delivery professionals. You see, we have a very basic belief that all children, without regard to the type of problems or their respective backgrounds, can and will be reached. We just have to be more creative in seeking to reach some children than we do with others.

This year we touched the lives of over 960 children from infancy through 19 years of age. Some 200 were runaways. These were usually younger teenage girls who typically were forced to face trauma daily at the hands of their caretakers. Some 550 were abandoned, abused or severely emotionally disturbed infants through adolescents. Too commonly these children endured the pain of burns, electrical shocks and severe beatings with rocks, whips and other objects. Some had been stabbed and shot at. Many would hoard food and describe to their therapist how they would sneak into their kitchen after midnight to steal food. With these children we routinely find food stuffed into shoes under their beds or hidden in closets. Some brought with them special medical concerns like seizure disorders, diabetic conditions, hypoglycemia, eating disorders, burns and the need for special psychotropic or other medications.

Some children were bused to us daily for day treatment after having been staffed out of a public school special education class where they were found to be too behaviorally or emotionally disturbed to continue. Frequently we were able to place still other children in private foster homes licensed by our staff members. Three times last year we were able to find good adoptive homes.

The need has never been greater. Our daily occupancy averaged 95%. We received from 80 to 100 referrals per month, unfortunately, we were only able to accept 20 to 30 due to space limitations.

The need is great and thanks to the many Kansas City area corporations, foundations and private individuals, like the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and Affiliated Trusts, the Hall Family Foundations, the Ball Family, Senators Dole and Kassebaum, Representative Myers and other of her colleagues, we will have excellent facilities to aid us in our work with these children, whether they remain in their homes or are admitted into one of our programs.

This, undoubtedly, is our greatest Christmas ever knowing that we will now be able to serve many more children next year thanks to the generosity of so many of you. I hope you take pride in knowing you are making dreams come true.

Throughout our agency there exists a feeling, a positive belief system very similar to the Disney World Epcot Center theme "If you can dream it, you can do it". Beginning with our board through our staff to the families and children we serve, we empower them to change the direction that their footprints will lead.

Peace to you and to each of your families throughout this most joyous of holiday seasons.

B. Wayne Sims

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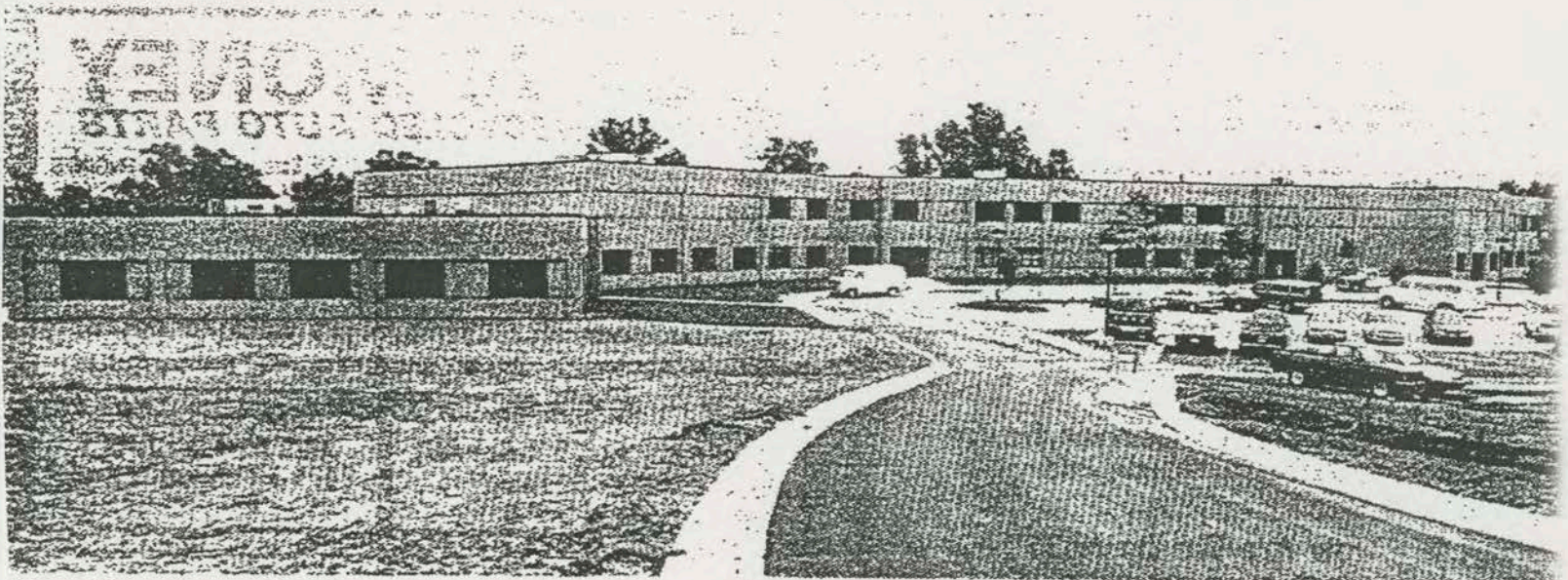
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Center to dedicate expansion unit Thursday

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The just completed \$2.1 million expansion wing of the Kaw Valley Center, a treatment facility for abused and neglected children, will be formally dedicated this Thursday with Sen.

Bob Dole serving as keynote speaker. The center, located at 4300 Brenner Road in northern Kansas City, Kan., provides services for 960 children last year.

Sen. Dole keynote speaker at fete for wing named for him

By DON DENNEY
Kansan Staff Writer

First it was a dream, now it's a primary source of turning a child's nightmare into a life filled with hope and opportunity.

The Kaw Valley Center, formerly known as Wyandotte House, Inc., does just that in providing help for abused and neglected children. Located at 4300 Brenner Road in northern Kansas City, Kan., the center provides services required to meet virtually all the social and mental needs of persons from infancy through 19 years of age.

The center, which last year provided services to 960 individuals, will celebrate the completion of a \$2.1 million expansion project Thursday. Some 200 of

those who were helped were runaways. About 550 were abandoned, abused or severely emotionally disturbed people.

"Too commonly these children endured the pain of burns, electrical shocks and severe beatings with rocks, whips and other objects," said B. Wayne Sims, president/chief executive director of the center. "Some had been stabbed and shot at."

To help the children overcome these traumas, the Kaw Valley Center provides medical care, special education, therapeutic foster care, adoption and mental health services. Many of the youths are referred to the center by the Kansas Department for Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) and the Wyandotte County Juvenile Court.

Sims said while Kaw Valley (See CENTER, page 2A)

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has been a refuge for some, others have unfortunately been turned away because of the center's space limitations. The center has a daily occupancy average of 95 percent. It receives 80 to 100 referrals per month, of which only between 20 and 30 are accepted due to space limitation, he said.

"Although we were doing our best, we knew we had to do more," Sims said.

That's where the dream started, said Jo Ann Ball, long-time Kaw Valley Center board member.

"We began discussing the fact we desperately needed to do something toward expanding," Mrs. Ball said. "Really, it started out as a dream; you might say wishful thinking, because quite frankly no one believed we could raise the money to do it."

Mrs. Ball said at first the board members discussed the possibility of adding another small building or two.

"We decided that wasn't enough," she said. "We had to think big so our discussion centered around an entire campus type setting. We set a goal and we were determined to meet it."

State Sen. Dick Bond, R-Overland Park, a long-time board member, and Mrs. Ball were named co-chairmen of a project known as Capital Campaign II. The proposed \$1.2 million project not only reached its goal, it exceeded it.

Thanks to the efforts of foundations, businesses and private individuals, plus the addition of a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Capital Campaign II raised \$2.1 million for its expansion.

The success of the project expansion will be displayed Thursday, July 16 at 4:30 p.m. at a formal dedication ceremony.

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kansas, will be the keynote speaker at the



B. WAYNE SIMS

... Center director

dedication. Dole led the effort to secure federal funding for the project. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kansas and Rep. Jan Meyers also joined in helping gain legislative approval for the funding.

"The Kaw Valley Center has served as an invaluable organization for many children and I'm pleased to see the tremendous community support for this program," Dole said. "It is my hope that this additional funding will assist the center by enhancing the many services which are vital for many needy children."

The Kaw Valley board has voted to name the new unit the "Bob Dole Younger Children's Wing." The unit is a residential treatment program for children under the age of 10.

The expansion unit features a 50,000 square-foot multi-purpose center which incorporates three free-standing residential treatment centers. There also is a wellness/education center for behavior disorder programs.

The expansion includes a new

observation/stabilization wing to provide acute, short-term care for youngsters 5 to 18 with severe emotional and behavioral problems who are depressed and even suicidal.

Kaw Valley now has 106 beds and 10 classrooms, said Charlotte Lotven, director of community development for the center. There are 150 paid staff members.

"Our center is unique in that we can provide the needs for the children right here on campus instead of having to bounce them around from agency to agency," Mrs. Lotven said.

The Kaw Valley Center receives partial funding through a contract with the state SRS and also receives an annual allocation from the United Way of Wyandotte County.

"Without the combined efforts of the corporate and private sector, none of this would be a reality," Mrs. Lotven said.

"Our area contains a great number of people who generously give from their heart according to their ability," said Mrs. Ball. "This project may have surprised some people, but it didn't surprise me. Everyone in this community has always been supportive of a worthy cause. My husband (Fred) and I are very proud to be associated with this worthwhile project. We're also pleased to give something back to the community."

Mrs. Ball said that the work is not over for the Kaw Valley Center Board.

"I'm afraid it's going to take several years to turn this unfortunate cycle around," she said. "We're seeing more and more children requiring our services. We have to continue to work toward eliminating these problems as much as we can."

The state SRS office reports a 60 percent rise in child abuse cases in Wyandotte County over the past two years, which means there are increasing numbers of children entering the foster care system here.



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Kerry called him.
He'll be attending
the crime summit,
at your invitation.

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May 20, 1992

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Robert Dole:

I am Clarence Small Director of Community Services for Wyandotte House Inc. I have visited your office on several occasions to inform your staff of what our organization is doing to work successfully with runaway and homeless youth.

We currently operate a Runaway Center, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Education and Transitional Living program grants. We serve over 800 youth annually. You have a strong congressional record of supporting federal programs that help young people who have become disconnected from community life, and become prey to the main social ills of society.

The intent of this letter is to ask for continued support. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA - Title II) needs your vote to be reauthorized this year. It was funded at \$76 million for FY92, and I ask you to support JJDPA at a funding level of at least \$100 million to provide crucial reforms and services.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA - Title III of JJDPA) also needs your support to be reauthorized this year. Current funding is \$35.751 million. It is not keeping pace with the need and therefore it causes some sister programs to turn youth away. I urge you to support a \$100 million appropriation.

The Honorable Robert Dole

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The Transitional Living Program (TLP) designed to provide residential and other services to homeless youth needs support. Currently appropriations provide funding for only 77 programs nationally. I ask you to support its reauthorization and increase the \$12 million allocated for this program to \$50 million for FY 93.

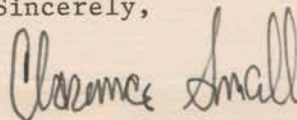
The Drug Abuse Prevention Program and the Youth Gang Drug Prevention Program are currently funded at \$15.286 and \$10.9 million, respectively. I ask you to support a \$20 million appropriation for each of these programs.

Our programs do work and I'm convinced that if we do not invest in our youth now at this critical point in social history we will lose them for the future.

Again, I do appreciate your support of the past and solicit your support for the present and in the future. If I can be of any assistance to you please feel free to contact me at (913) 621-4641.

Thank-you for your valuable time and thoughtful considerations.

Sincerely,



Clarence Small
Director of Community Services

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SENATOR BOB DOLE

DEDICATION OF KAW VALLEY

CENTER

JULY 16, 1992

**THANK YOU, DICK, FOR
THOSE VERY KIND WORDS OF
INTRODUCTION. IT IS A REAL
PRIVILEGE TO JOIN WITH ALL OF
YOU AS WE CELEBRATE A
HISTORIC DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

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**THE KAW VALLEY CENTER...AND
A HISTORIC DAY IN THE LIFE OF
THE CHILDREN OF KANSAS.**

**JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, ALL
OF KANSAS AND ALL OF
AMERICA CELEBRATED JULY
4TH. IT WAS A DAY FOR WAVING
THE FLAG AND FOR SALUTING
AMERICA'S HEROES.**

**I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT
TODAY IS ALSO A DAY FOR
SALUTING HEROES.**

**HEROES LIKE THE MEMBERS
OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
WYANDOTTE AND JOHNSON
COUNTIES WHO, IN 1970, FIRST
ENVISIONED THE NEED FOR A
SHELTER FOR ABUSED
CHILDREN AND A TREATMENT**

**CENTER FOR EMOTIONALLY
DISTURBED CHILDREN.**

**HEROES LIKE WAYNE SIMS,
WHOSE DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT HAVE MADE
TODAY POSSIBLE, AND WHO HAS
SERVED AS THE MOTIVATING
FORCE BEHIND THE KAW
VALLEY CENTER FOR OVER A
DECADE.**

**HEROES LIKE SENATOR DICK
BOND, BETTY CROOKER, JO ANN
BALL, THE OTHER DISTGUSHED
MEMBERS OF THE CAPITAL
FUNDS CAMPAIGN, AND ALL
THOSE WHO GENEROUSLY GAVE
THEIR TIME AND MONEY TO
MAKE THE DREAM OF A
CHILDREN'S CAMPUS A REALITY.**

**HEROES LIKE SENATOR
NANCY KASSEBAUM AND
CONGRESSWOMAN JAN MEYERS,
WHO HELPED TO SECURE A
\$750,000 GRANT TO ASSIST IN
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS
CAMPUS...AND HEROES LIKE
BILL BROWN, REGIONAL
ADMINISTRATOR OF H.U.D., WHO
KEPT THIS PROJECT MOVING**

**AND HELPED EVERYONE JUMP
THROUGH THE RIGHT HOOPS.**

**HEROES LIKE THE NURSES,
THE TEACHERS, THE SOCIAL
WORKERS, AND THE OTHER
EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS
OF THE KAW VALLEY CENTER
WHO MAKE A POSITIVE
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
CHILDREN IN NEED.**

**BUT THE BIGGEST HEROES
HERE TODAY ARE OF COURSE,
THE CHILDREN...CHILDREN WHO
HAVE BEEN DENIED LOVE AND
ATTENTION, BUT WHO WAKE UP
EVERY MORNING HOPING FOR A
BETTER DAY.**

**AND BECAUSE OF THE KAW
VALLEY CENTER, THOUSANDS
OF CHILDREN HAVE SUCCEEDED**

**IN FINDING THAT BETTER DAY.
THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN HAVE
SUCCEEDED--IN THE WORDS OF
THE KANSAS STATE MOTTO--IN
"REACHING THE STARS THROUGH
DIFFICULTIES."**

**IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE
MEDIA, IT'S FASHIONABLE RIGHT
NOW TO CRITICIZE AMERICA--TO
POINT OUT WHAT'S WRONG**

**WITH OUR NATION. AND, YES,
AMERICA DOES HAVE HER
PROBLEMS--CHILD ABUSE BEING
AMONG THEM.**

**BUT INSTEAD OF FOCUSING
ON WHAT'S WRONG WITH
AMERICA, I LIKE TO FOCUS ON
WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA.**

**AND ONE THING THAT'S RIGHT
WITH KANSAS AND RIGHT WITH**

**AMERICA IS OUR TRADITION OF
REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN
NEED...OF HELPING OUR
FELLOW CITIZENS--WHETHER
THEY BE NEIGHBORS OR
WHETHER THEY BE STRANGERS.**

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THE
KAW VALLEY CENTER IS WHAT'S
RIGHT WITH AMERICA. AND**

**PEOPLE LIKE WAYNE SIMS ARE
WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA.**

**LET ME AGAIN SAY WHAT AN
HONOR IT IS TO HAVE MY NAME
ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CENTER.
AND LET ME CONCLUDE WITH A
STORY TOLD ABOUT THAT
GREAT KANSAN, DWIGHT
EISENHOWER.**

**IKE WAS WALKING ALONG
THE RHINE ONE NIGHT IN 1945,
THINKING OF THE CROSSING IN
WHICH HE WOULD LEAD THE
ALLIED ARMIES. HE MET A
SOLDIER, AND ASKED HIM WHY
HE WASN'T SLEEPING.**

**THE YOUNG G.I., WHO DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE THE SUPREME
COMMANDER, SAID, "I GUESS**

I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS."

"SO AM I," SAID EISENHOWER.

"LET'S WALK TOGETHER, AND

PERHAPS WE'LL DRAW

STRENGTH FROM ONE

ANOTHER."

FOR OVER TWO DECADES,

CHILDREN IN NEED HAVE COME

HERE AND FOUND MEN AND

WOMEN WITH WHOM THEY

**COULD WALK TOGETHER, AND
FROM WHOM THEY COULD
DRAW STRENGTH.**

**I JOIN EVERYONE HERE IN
PLEDGING MY SUPPORT TO THE
SIMPLE GOAL THAT AS LONG AS
THERE ARE KANSAS CHILDREN
IN NEED, THERE WILL ALWAYS
BE A KAW VALLEY CENTER.
THANK YOU.**