



# Cascade Christian Home

## *newsletter*

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CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME IS NOW READY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENCY IN THE HOME FOR THE MILDLY RETARDED. ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

Admission criteria and application information may be obtained by writing to:

Admission Committee  
Cascade Christian Home  
P. O. Box 485  
Lynden, Washington 98264



### CASCADE'S HOME . . . . A DREAM FULFILLED

When the doors of the new Cascade Christian Group Home open up sometime next summer, many families and individuals will view this as a dream coming true and an answer to prayer.

About three years of concentrated effort on the part of the Cascade Board of Directors and the financial support of many individuals and organizations is beginning to show results. The building program is presently about 30% complete and should be finished in April or May.

Located on about five acres on the corner of the Guide Meridian and King Tut Road, the new residential facility will be able to care for twelve mildly retarded residents, eighteen years or older. It will consist of 5,200 square feet of living space plus the garage and, according to Randy Knutzen, Chairman of the Construction Committee, it will be a "first class" facility.

The home will be designed to facilitate the care of six males and six females. However, any other combination can effectively be arranged since there are four double bedrooms and four singles. Three bathrooms on each of the two wings can also accommodate various living arrangements. A two-bedroom apartment featuring independent living will be provided for the house parents along with plenty of space for recreation and group activities for the residents. Outdoor recreational facilities such as basketball and volleyball are also planned.

Actual construction costs will not be known until the bids come back, but it is estimated that the total project could be in excess of \$350,000 including the land purchase and equipment. Since Cascade Christian Home will be financially responsible for the construction of the home, a financial drive was conducted in 1978 and resulted in close to \$190,000 in donations. Now that the construction has begun, plans to finance the balance will need to be made.

It is anticipated that about 80% of the operating costs of the home will be covered by Federal and State funding and other programs for which the residents may be eligible. The balance of about 20% will need to be raised from the community at large.

We do not know who will occupy this home. Neither do we know who our administrator or house parents will be. Most of these decisions will be made in the next few months. By the time this article went to press, there were fifteen applicants for the house parent/administrator or residential care and training jobs. We thank God for their interest and concern.

## CALF & LIVESTOCK AUCTION PLANNED

Several dairymen from Whatcom and Skagit Counties are planning a livestock sale sometime in May. This benefit will be held at the Lynden Auction Market and may turn out to be an all-day affair. They are looking for dairy and beef animals, dairy supplies, tools or anything that would stir some interest. According to Ben Schilder and Ike Honcoop, they have over thirty animals promised thus far and are just beginning. This could be the beginning of an annual affair and, hopefully, a profitable one for Cascade. Salem Christian Home in California has held these for many years and every year is bigger than the last one. (Their 1979 auction went over the \$113,000 mark.) The committee is asking for a commitment from you to raise an animal and donate it for the sale. These can be dairy calves, heifers or milk cows. Also beef animals or bulls will be appreciated. And to make things more interesting, how about some horses, pigs or feathered birds?

Please call any of these gentlemen:

Ben Schilder	- Lynden	- 354-4296
Ike Honcoop	- Lynden	- 354-3435
Rod De Jong	- Lynden	- 354-3107
Bill De Kriek	- Sumas	- 988-9373
Henry Vander Veen	- Mt. Vernon	- 424-7255

## CASCADE'S SINGING AMBASSADORS

The Cascade Christian Home Quartet got off to a busy start on their first day out. On Sunday, December 30, they started out by singing and bringing Cascade's story in Anacortes in the morning, Sumas in the afternoon, and both the Oak Harbor Reformed Church and Christian Reformed Church in the evening. It was a busy day, but they enjoyed it very much. And so did the people who listened, including this writer. For not having practiced together for over thirty years, these men do a beautiful job. Their next stop is at three churches in the Seattle-Tacoma area later on in January. If you would like to get on the calendar, please contact Don Vander Giessen in the Seattle area at (206)365-8064 (home) or (206)885-9400 (business); or Marv Vander Pol in Lynden at (206)354-3585.