



**Cascade
Christian
Home**

newsletter

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Ben Mulder
editor

Bulthuis Appointed Project Coordinator



Pete Bulthuis, counselor at the Lynden Christian High School, has been appointed to serve as our Project Coordinator. The Board has been thinking about this for some time and with all of the activities of the past several months and approvals yet to be obtained for our new "Home" construction, Mr. Bulthuis will coordinate all of the various activities and serve as administrative director as well. This will be a part-time assignment for Bulthuis, who plans to make his home and hours available in late afternoon and evenings.

A native of Chicago, Mr. Bulthuis comes to the Cascade project with various educational and administrative experiences. He is a graduate of Chicago Christian High, attended Calvin College and obtained both his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Western Washington State University. Having served as Lynden Christian Junior High teacher and school principal from 1947-55, he joined the Sudan United Mission (C.R.C.) and became

associated with Mkar Teachers College in Nigeria. He served as principal and Superintendent of Schools at Mkar and was responsible for 84 primary schools in the mission fields. He also served as General Secretary of the Sudan United Missions of the Christian Reformed Church on two different occasions, the most recent in 1969-70. Since then, he has been counselor at the high school in Lynden. Pete is presently a member of the Christian Rest Home Board in Lynden, a past president of the Northwest Personnel and Guidance Association and has conducted Marriage Enrichment Seminars in the Lynden area for the past three years. He and his wife Win are members of the Bethel C.R.C. in Lynden and live at 1028 Glenning Street, Lynden, Washington 98264 (206-354-4858). They have four children living in various parts of the world. Their son Doug is a marine biologist in Australia; Susan lives in Olympia; Ellen is teaching in Guam; and Peter Jr. is a student at Cedarville College, Ohio.

Welcome aboard Pete, and may God's blessing be on all your efforts with Cascade!

1st Reformed Church Bazaar

October 20 & 21 will be the dates for the project of the year for the First Reformed Church in Lynden -- a bazaar. All proceeds are to go to Cascade Christian Home. This is the first community-wide benefit for Cascade and we

know that it will not be the last. Flowers, plants, crafts, and Christmas ornaments will be on sale. Support Cascade and attend this worth-while project.

Cascade "Women's Guilds"

Shirley Speelman reports that the formation of guilds is under way. The State of Washington has been divided into four areas as follows:

- Area I -- Lynden area
- Area II -- Mount Vernon area
- Area III -- Seattle area
- Area IV -- Eastern Washington area

Each Reformed and Christian Reformed church has been asked to appoint two women from each church to serve as representatives on the Cascade Women's Guild for their particular area. We hope that if you have an interest in serving, you will contact Shirley at 206-398-2630. Guilds are a very important part of a non-profit organization, socially and financially. Glad to see you are making progress, ladies!

Any Ideas For Our Logo?

Several fine suggestions have come in since our last newsletter. This contest is creating a lot of interest. Art classes at Lynden Public and Lynden Christian Schools are also involved. We hope to finish this contest by October 15. So, if you would like to win \$50 or if you just like to draw, send your suggestions to Ben Mulder, 1656 E. Badger Road, Everson, Washington 98247 (206-354-5879).

Mulder New Developmental Consultant

At its September 18 board meeting, Cascade Christian Home also approved the appointment of Ben Mulder as Developmental Consultant. Mulder, who is an Assistant Vice President at Rainier Bank in Lynden, will be mainly responsible for working closely with the Board of Directors and various committees. In addition to this, he is also responsible for the Cascade newsletter and serves as community relations representative. He is presently serving on the Board of Directors of Salem Christian Home for the Handicapped in Ontario, California and has served as chairman of Salem's Washington Project Committee since 1976. Ben, his wife Grace, and their five children recently moved from California to relocate in the Lynden area. Their oldest daughter Flory was married in August and is now living in Ontario, California where her husband is teaching at the Ontario Christian School and she is attending the California State University in Fullerton, working towards a degree in Special Education and working at the Salem Christian Home for the Handicapped. Their oldest son, Bernie, is attending Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, working towards a dairy science degree; and Kenny, Carol, and Lisa are attending Lynden Christian this year.

Thank You To....

- Carol Bouwman for volunteering her services as office secretary and also as the Board's recording secretary. We know that many hours of your personal time have gone into Cascade. Again, thank you Carol.
- Regal Properties in Lynden for allowing us to use some of your office space, the phone and many other things while Myron Wester from Salem was here this summer.
- Bellingham Christian Reformed Church for the use of their facilities for our monthly board meetings. The accommodations are very much appreciated!



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Annual Society Meeting

Monday November 6

The Cascade Christian Home Annual Society Meeting is scheduled for Monday night, November 6, at 8 p.m. in the Bellingham Christian Reformed Church. Anyone who has donated at least \$1.00 or more, is considered a society member and has the privilege to vote.

Agenda

1. Welcome, devotions and opening remarks by Mr. Don Kooy, President of Cascade Christian Home Board.
2. Approve minutes of Annual Society Meeting held November 7, 1977
3. Election of Board Members. (See details in this newsletter)
4. Approve Financial Report. (Presented in this newsletter)
5. Approve Proposed Budget. (Presented in this newsletter)
6. Receive as information, the Presidents' Report as presented in this newsletter.
7. Presentation of architects drawing for our new "Home". Society to approve any necessary expenditures for construction.
8. Old or new business.
9. Special music - Mt. Vernon Sextet.
10. Motion to adjourn with coffee and refreshments right after closing remarks and prayer.

Note: Please save this newsletter and take it along to the Annual Meeting.

President's Report

Don Kooy



As we think of Cascade Christian Home, our thoughts are immediately divided into accomplishments and future planning. Even though a white sign says, "Proposed site of Cascade Christian Home" in a grassy field, passersby recognize the hours of faithful work for a common cause that have gone into it. We are reminded of Colossians 3:12-14, "Put on then as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, and above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Without God's blessing, this Christian love, cooperation and generosity, none of this could have been accomplished.

Let us reflect back to the fall of 1976, when a study committee was appointed to determine the unmet needs for the mentally handicapped in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Myron Wester, Administrator of Salem Christian Home in Ontario, Calif. was instrumental in establishing the ground work

for this new undertaking. Without his expertise and many visits to our area, we would not be where we are today. On November 7, 1977 our first Society Meeting was held in the Bellingham Christian Reformed Church, our first board of directors was elected and our name "Cascade Christian Home" was officially approved. Since then, our Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and the Non-Profit Tax Exempt Status have all been approved. All of the functioning committees and their respective chairpersons have been appointed, causing many people to get involved on a first-hand basis with Cascade. In early summer our fund raising committee became active and under the direction of Chairman Henry Vander Giessen, a network of team captains and volunteers scanned the State of Washington and started their drive. The Board wishes to thank everyone who participated, both through their time and talents and those who supported us financially. To date a total of \$112,000 has been received plus \$10,000 thus far from the drive in California. Praise God for what has been accomplished thus far through his people.

As we look to the future, we are challenged with many things yet to be done. We are thankful for Pete Bulthuis, who has accepted the appointment of Project Coordinator. He will assist the many committees and tie together the many loose ends in our project. Some approvals are yet to be obtained for construction, which is scheduled to begin in early 1979. We are also grateful to Ben Mulder, who has accepted the position of Developmental Consultant. With his knowledge and background in this field, we know he will be a great help to us. Please continue to pray for the board of directors, the many committee members and individuals who continue to devote their time and energy to Cascade Christian Home.

Statement of Income and Expenses

Statement of Financial Condition

(Fiscal year ending June 30, 1978)

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Churches	\$ 2,664.16	Utilities	\$ 34.09
Societies	736.85	Supplies etc.	424.36
Memorials	135.00	Professional fees	965.11
Individuals	77.00	Down payment-land	1000.00
Fund-Raising	53,465.53	TOTAL	\$2,423.56
TOTAL	\$57,078.54		

as of June 30, 1978

<u>Assets</u>	
General Fund	\$ 1189.45
Building Fund	53,465.53
Down payment-land	1000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$55,654.98
Liabilities	-0-

Proposed Operating Budget

Fiscal year 7-1-79 to 6-30-80

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Residential Care and Training Fees	\$75,000	Salaries	\$25,000
Contributions	15,000	Operating Costs	36,000
TOTAL	\$90,000	Capital Assets	10,000
		Promotion-Printing	2,100
		Debt reduction-Interest	16,900
		TOTAL	\$90,000

A big "Thank You" from the ladies at First Reformed in Lynden to all those who donated their time and talents to the Bazaar for Cascade. A little over \$3,000 was raised.

(Editors Note: Thank you from Cascade Board for being the first to have a community-wide benefit for Cascade. It was really beautiful.)

The Lynden Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Concert by the Western Washington University Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Lynden High School Auditorium. A free-will offering will be taken for Cascade.

Nominees for Election to Board

Roger Dykstra, First R.C. Lynden	June Heutink, Sumas C.R.C. Sumas
Gilbert Huizinga, First C.R.C. Lynden	Lois Rietman, First R.C. Lynden
Shirley Speelman, Mt. View C.R.C. Lynden	Marv Van Mersbergen, Third C.R.C. Lynden
(served 1 yr.- eligible for another term)	



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Ben Mulder, Editor

1979 . . . Target Year For Cascade!

Many exciting things have happened since our last newsletter in November. An annual meeting has come and gone, the financial drive totals are still climbing, and many individuals and organizations are getting involved with Cascade. 1978 was indeed a good year. A solid foundation on which to build the Cascade Organization was laid, land was purchased, our financial goal of \$125,000 was met back in November and the plans for our first "Home" are about finished. God has been good to us and we should continually thank Him for all His blessings. Here are a few of the happenings during the past two months

- . . . Annual Society Meeting - November 6. Newly elected board members are Roger Dykstra, Marv Van Mersbergen, and Shirley Speelman. Election of officers for 1979 included Don Kooy, President; Pastor Dick Bouma, Vice President; Marv Van Mersbergen, Secretary; Roger Dykstra, Treasurer; and Henry Vander Veen, Vicar.
- . . . Don Vander Giessen of Seattle agreed to be our District Board Member representing the Seattle area. He replaces Mr Bill DeRooy who retired from the Board in November. Thank you for your services Bill and welcome to Cascade, Don!
- . . . Retiring board members are Dr John Cook and Arie (Ike) Honcoop. Both served on the original steering committee and the first Board. Thank you very much for your dedication and concern, Doc and Ike!
- . . . Committee Chairpersons are: Property and Grounds, Randy Knutzen; Admissions and Programs, Pastor Dick Bouma; Personnel and Employment, Don Kooy; Guilds, Shirley Speelman; Furnishings, Tina Van Waveren; Finance, Roger Dykstra; Promotion, Marv Van Mersbergen; Public Relations, Ben Mulder.
- . . . Our Board's recording secretary, Carol Bouwman, has moved to Olympia to work with Roger Van Dyken who was elected to the State Legislature in November. Thank you for your services Carol! Our new secretary is Anne Heusinkveld. Thanks for accepting this challenge, Anne.
- . . . Our Admissions and Program Committee is now complete. Pastor Dick Bouma reports that the following will serve with him on this committee; Roger A Barnhart, M.D., Plastic Surgeon, Bellingham; Alice DeVries, Dairy Farmer, Mt Vernon; Don Kooy, Cascade Board Chairman and owner of Midway Trailers, Lynden; Ronald Snyder, Case Worker, Bellingham and Whatcom County District, Department of Public Health; Fred Vander Mey, Music Teacher, Mt Vernon Christian School.
- . . . Recent activities for Cascade include the following

First Reformed Church of Lynden - Bazaar (\$3,300.00)

Lynden Ministerial Association - Thanksgiving Festival (\$1,250.00)

Lynden Kiwanis Club - Western Washington University Concert (\$865.00)

- • • Thanksgiving Day offerings from churches throughout the State of Washington amounted to over \$11,000 (and \$500.00 was received from the Church on The Hill, Norco, California!)
- • • Salem Christian Home in Ontario, California had pledged to assist Cascade with \$25,000. A recent calf sale/auction for Salem netted them \$86,000. This will enable them to complete the pledge to Cascade. Thanks to all of you in California.
- • • Also many contributions from various Sunday Schools, Young Peoples, Cadets and Calvinettes, Ladies Groups and other organizations.

Present Happenings

Plans for the Home are receiving the finishing touches by the architect. Our next step will be to apply for a variance and permit. Several departments in Olympia will also take a look at them, (which could take some more time.) While waiting for all of these things to take its course, other items will receive a lot of attention. Some of these are

Admissions

This committee will get busy now. Preliminary guidelines will look like this:

Resident must be 18 years or older
 Primary diagnosis must be mild retardation
 Have good control of major medical problems

All residents must be ambulatory
 Sensory impairments must be minimal
 Emotional involvement must be minimal

Furnishings

A master list of items needed for the "Home" is now being compiled. Individuals or organizations wishing to donate for a specific item may coordinate this through the Furnishings Committee, Tina Van Waveren at 366-3555 or Grace Mulder at 354-5879. Some of the needed items that have been assigned to individuals and organizations thus far include a piano, outdoor sign, stereo and sound system, and the kitchen equipment. There are many more ... lawn maintenance equipment, office equipment, family/dining room furniture, bedding, recreational items, and anything that goes into a home. Please let us know if you want to donate or work for something specific. (How about a station-wagon or a mini-van?)

Cascade Women's Guilds

- • • Lynden Area ... Margaret DeWaard is its first president after being organized in November. Their first project will be a Soup-N-Pie Supper February 6. On the back burner is a luncheon/fashion show for sometime in April.
- • • Mt Vernon - Oak Harbor Area ... Retta Rientjes became this chapter's president after a December organizational meeting. They plan to have their monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month. March 15 is the date of their first project. This will be a luncheon/fashion show in the Oak Harbor Reformed Church.
- • • All good things come slow but sure, according to Shirley Speelman, Chairperson in charge of organizing the Guilds. She is pleased with the enthusiasm of the ladies in the Lynden and Mt Vernon - Oak Harbor areas. Now she wants to concentrate on Seattle and Eastern Washington. If any of you readers in the Seattle Area want to get involved, you may obtain more information by calling the Don Vander Giessens at 206-365-7381. Those of you on the East (and sunny) side of the mountains, please call Alice DeVries in Mt Vernon at 206-424-3508. If all else fails, call Shirley at 206-398-2630.



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BEN MULDER, EDITOR

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:

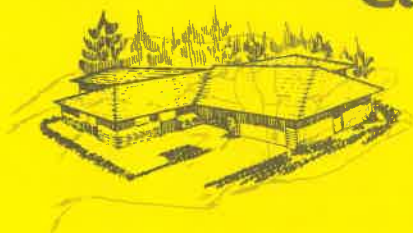
Ben Schilder	- Lynden	- 354-4296
Ike Honcoop	- Lynden	- 354-3435
Rod De Jong	- Lynden	- 354-3107
Bill De Kriek	- Sumas	- 988-9373
Henry Vander Veen	- Mt. Vernon	- 424-7255

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.



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BEN MULDER, EDITOR

DEDICATION — SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 22, 1980

Plans are being made to have a dedication ceremony for our new "home", located on the corner of the Guide Meridian and King Tut Rd. between Bellingham and Lynden. A special service is planned and the ceremony will include special guests, including Myron Wester, Executive Director of Salem Christian Home in California, John Louws, Whatcom County Executive, and several other state and County officials.

An "Open House" is also being planned after the home is in full operation, at which time a cordial welcome will be extended to all of Cascade's friends and supporters.

Cascade Welcomes New Administrator/Houseparents

At its April board meeting, the Cascade Christian Home Board extended a special welcome to its new Administrator/Houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gass. Only a few days before, Richard and his wife Karen arrived in Lynden from Racine, Wisconsin. Both Richard and Karen come to us with high credentials in the areas of social services. Cascade is very pleased to have them on board and all of us are looking forward to working with them.

Richard will serve as our Administrator, carrying out the policies of Cascade's Board of Directors and together with Karen they will serve as our houseparents for the group home. Plans are for them to move into the new facility and set up housekeeping sometime during the first part of June when the building is scheduled for completion.

Originally, Richard was raised in New Jersey and Karen in Nebraska. They both have devoted their adult lives to serving the handicapped, the down-and-outs, the elderly, and many other segments that need help in our society. The only thing lacking was for them to be able to serve the Giver of Life by serving others in a Christian environment. Cascade provided that opportunity for them, especially since they can now work together as a team. Both of their backgrounds include a long list of involvements in human services. Most recently, Richard was working for Racine County as a Crisis Intervention Worker and Court Investigator. He also held positions working with disabled adults, child abuse and neglect, family counseling and family therapy, and served as a houseparent with severely, moderately and mildly retarded children and adults.

Karen is a licensed nurse, a teacher of social and behavioral skills, including cooking and housekeeping, and has served as a counselor and group therapy leader.

Both are anxious to get involved. And with all the exciting things that are currently happening, this will not be difficult at all! From all of us on the Board, a special Christian welcome to Rich and Karen!!

Assistant House Parents Soon to Arrive

George and Jana Beanblossom will be arriving in our community the first week of June. They will serve as assistant houseparents to Rich and Karen Gass. George, a Whatcom County native, is a graduate of Lynden Christian High School and of Dordt College (1978) in Iowa, with a BA in sociology and social services. He is presently employed at Hope Haven in Rock Valley, Iowa, as a lead group home parent for the mentally retarded.

Jana (formerly Jana Langstraat) is also from the Lynden area and graduated from Lynden High School. She is a houseparent with George at Hope Haven. We welcome George and Jana back to Lynden as they join the staff of Cascade Christian Home. We pray for God's blessing on their new assignment.

From the Admission Committee...

On the surface, this has been a low key and "behind the scenes" committee. But it certainly has been an active one these past three months. After the organizational phase in 1978, the policy regarding entrance criteria was established and the Admission Committee was formalized. Applications for residency were solicited beginning this past January and a March 31 deadline was established.

We received a total of 24 inquiries, most of which became active applicants. A couple of applications were withdrawn and a couple were redirected to existing group homes, whom we felt could better cater to their particular needs. Thus the search for residents began.

As of this writing, all twelve of the applicants have been chosen and those who were not able to qualify at this time, have been notified. We give thanks to the Lord for showing us the way and we rejoice with the families and applicants who were selected. We also feel confident that our gracious Father will also provide for those who were unable to be admitted to Cascade Home at this time. For some, there may be future openings in Cascade or similar types of residential care, for others there may remain additional time at their respective homes and for some Cascade may be of service by providing temporary (respite) care.

We hope and pray that Cascade may also be the instrument to allow some of these first twelve residents to go on to a more independent living arrangement in the future.

It is truly remarkable how a group of six individuals from various walks of life can be molded into one close knit committee, dedicated to the cause of Christian mercy. And still more remarkable is the fact, that after all of the reviews, all of the personal visits to the applicants and families, all of the professional opinions were voiced, there was a united sense of accomplishment and satisfaction that the Giver of Life had been glorified. Many personal prayers and reflections became a routine part of this committee since it could not function without the help of Almighty God. And thus we rest with the assurance that what the Lord has laid upon our hearts, we had to do.

A special thanks to the Admission Committee members for their dedicated efforts and devotion to Cascade Home and also a special thank you to Judy Bursick, case-worker with the Department of Social and Health Services, for her professional assistance in many of the files reviewed.

...Ben Mulder, Chairperson

From our Administrator/Houseparents...

As we prepare to serve at Cascade Christian Home, my wife and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for such a warm welcome to the community. We have many new challenges and new horizons ahead as we prepare, along with much hard work of many other beautiful people, to open this group home for a segment of the disabled adult population in the Pacific Northwest. With your continual prayers and support, we will be more than conquerors as the Lord blesses the efforts of His children.

We are looking forward to a time of tremendous growth for residents and all those participating in Cascade Christian Home. Growth involves responsibility. Responsibility means being able to respond to a given situation. With God's help and guidance we are looking forward to the day each resident of Cascade has learned the necessary skills and has the ability to live independently in our community. Cascade Christian Home can be, in reality, a stepping stone for individuals to greater independence.

The numerous activities in this area offer much in the way of leadership training and community involvement while also answering to a wide spectrum of needs and interests. We should not as a community take these many activities for granted, but use them to help our handicapped population reach their fullest potential.

...Rich and Karen Gass