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September 15, 1972

TO: C.U.R.E.  
FROM: Robert Yardley, Brigadier  
City Commander

RE: Community Living Center for Retarded Adults  
4130 35th St., San Diego, CA

On October 1, 1972, the Community Living Center--a new residence for mentally retarded adults--will open its doors for the first time. We believe it represents the dream of many retarded persons who yearn for independent living in the community--and of many parents and friends who want to see them enjoy it successfully.

Located in North Park, a residential area close to businesses and public transportation, the Center is not an institution, or even a group home. It is an eight-unit apartment building with one and two-bedroom units where retarded persons can live in normal surroundings and take care of themselves, their money, their time, and their homes. This might happen in any apartment--with the help of the right room-mate, neighbors, family, social worker, and landlord--if the retardate can find a suitable apartment he can afford and is allowed to move into it. But it does happen only rarely.

Since our apartments are available to us through the San Diego Leased Housing Program, rents are low--well within the allowances in limited budgets. But the Center is more than an apartment building where retarded persons can afford to live. A resident manager, experienced in residential programs for retarded persons, is on duty seven days a week (nights, too) to provide instruction in the skills--home maintenance, budgeting, meal preparation, to name a few--needed to live in the community. Social services, including individual and group counseling, will be provided through the combined efforts of The Salvation Army, which sponsors the Center, and other agencies serving retarded persons. We are confident that the supportive services will add to the actual experience of living in the Center the "plus" to enable residents to make it on their own--in the community, just like other people.

Public and private agencies have participated in bringing the Center into being and will be working together to make living at the Center a successful experience for the residents. Referrals may be made through the Association for the Retarded (234-6711) or The Salvation Army (232-8128). Applicants active to the Regional Center or Department of Welfare may also be referred through their social workers. Applicants should be 21 years of age or older, diagnosed retarded, and have potential for independent living through the program of the Center.

For further information, call 232-8128.

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