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YEARLY REPORT

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ABSTRACT

Our Yearly report (Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime) is a written collection of services provided to community residents during the period of July, 78 thru September 79.

This collection has been carefully assembled as one (1) means of personnel justification and as a means to establish a precise need for Community Anti-Crime staff and community residents.

The materials in this report will reflect a variety of views, concepts and approaches toward organizing effective measures in reducing both crime and fear.

It should be clearly recognized in reviewing this report that we advocate no exact method for reducing crime but we are presenting information, activities and other materials as well as methods which we have utilized to bring about positive community support from both residents and service agencies to effectuate strong Crime Prevention relations and actions in our catchment area.

INTRODUCTION

The sub units of the United States Justice Department has been undergoing changes that might be considered revolutionary by many, simply because in recent years a new interest has been created in the office of Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). This office is now affording communities the opportunity to take greater roles in Community Crime Prevention by awarding discretionary grants to qualifying agencies expressing demonstrated willingness to educate residents, organize neighborhood groups and individual citizens to become actively involved in Crime Prevention activities.

The Tremont Community Council, Inc. is the recipient of such a grant and out of this receivership was born Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program, a program designed to involve tenants, parents, youth, elderly and small business people in our area in an intergenerational, multi-component program who's overall goal and objective is to effect the reduction of crime in our low income community.

Our program commenced on July, 1978, and began with a thrust of re-educating the community in Community Anti-Crime with a full-time staff of twelve (12), and one (1) part-time. We have worked with a fixed vision of what community people can do for themselves once there is pride, and a desire to improve one's plight. We are a close knit staff and we have worked very hard to prevent ourselves from repeating old errors made by other agencies.

Each staff person's presentation is condensed versions of collaborations and day to day performances. The end results being, "working as a group to implement".

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In reflecting my responsibilities and performances as a new Project Director, my first point of issue was to call attention to the fact that in Community work, all clients are equal. In doing so we would fullful a void and remove injustices that have/has existed in this community for decades especially in service delivery.

Our office being located in the Tremont/Fordham area (planning Board #6) affords us a majority constituency of Blacks and Hispanics, and a large population of children/youth. The average household being three - five (3-5) persons.

Less than thirty-nine percent (39%) completed high school and a majority read below six grade level. The lack of education is a major factor contributing to the large number of unemployed and welfare recipients in our area which places the medium income exactly on or below the poverty income level.

Crime Prevention under such strenuous soci-economic conditions has to have educational thrust in an attempt to re-educate and improve life styles. Also because the unemployment rate in New York City continues to be higher than the rest of the nation. Black and Hispanic unemployment almost trippled that of whites. Minority youth unemployment has climbed to more than sixty-five percent (65%) and even ninty percent (90%) in some communities.

Soci-economic conditions are such that both welfare and poor working people have found that they can barley live on their earnings or "grants". It is an established fact that welfare does not make allowances equal to those of the cost of living thus giving stimulus for both crime and physical voilence. It has been a part of my responsibility to quell the more rebellious attitudes and work for a more positive attitude for both clients and staff for greater understanding of laws, standard operating procedures and mass mobilization. Staff has

been actively involved with seminars on confidentiality and the need for understanding clients.

Little change has taken place in education for our youth and especially means and methods for preventing truancy. City officials have estimated that approximately two hundred thousand (200,000) children are absent each day. This high rate of truancy produces a large crime rate simply because truancy is not being created by job's for youth in our labor force.

For children who are not attending school, there are no school enforcement officers to follow-up on absenteeism, and due to this condition alone, it is paramount that community service agencies such as anti-crime become a friend to the out of school youth regardless of circumstances in hope of becoming positively motivating. Also to help youth identify with counselors it is also important that counselors and all other staff stay abreast and be exposed to the positive advancements in urban/community knowledge and the transitions which effect the lives of minority community residents. I have had to make assurances to involve at least thirty percent (30%) of staff in on-going alternate training services due to "community recidivismness".

Our breakdown shows that more than one third (thirty-eight percent (38%) of the city's one million school children are black, thirty percent (30%) white, twenty-four percent (24%) puerto rican and eight percent (8%) "other" minority. We have also discovered that only eleven percent (11%) of the city's fifty thousand (50,000) teachers are black and five percent (5%) hispanic which reflects what I consider a drastic reduction in identifying percentage, as well as "quota or affirmative action". These conditions have created an ever growing need for Concerned Parents Actions and activities which has been

Mobilized through frequent conferences and encouragement to the parent organizer. The result has been continuous involvement. Housing is a major problem in the South Bronx and especially our catchment area. For quite sometime arson was the most popular "activity" in our neighborhood which appeared to be sanctioned by the slumlords. Now that we are all burned out and the deals have seemingly been paid out/off, our neighborhoods are still at a stand still. Involvement first has to be seen as Health, Safety and Welfare of staff. Simply because our concern in housing is code violations and safety whereas tenants can often be hostile because they have seen so much "pretense".

Having a staff that is community oriented has been most instrumental in quelling many incidents/situations which could have been disastrous. We have been mediators with both youth and adults all because staff has been deployed in areas where needs are great.

Health Service in the community for community residents in both regular and criminality in crime prevention has been enhanced by the new Tremont/Fordham Mental Health Center.

Community Anti-Crime in our neighborhood has been instrumental in fostering relationships which has increased respect for neighbors and also improved communication channels. Residents are now more likely to report crime whereas there was a tendency to remain silent. Also there is a higher rate of residents who inform staff of crimes which is likely to take place and also previously.

Even through certain statistics might indicate a reduction in crime between 1976 and 1977, we know the reduction then was fear of reporting and inadequate record keeping. Crime continues to be a major concern in minority neighborhoods

even though not reported.

The situation being that we most frequently victimize each other which is not usually reported, therefore; no record is on hand because "tomorrow we smile and kill each other again".

This condition and stigma will be everlasting unless there is a staff/agency who can relate to the problems and make efforts to instill pride and a certain degree of individuality within the community residents through various forms of workshops, seminars and other forms of involvement (see calenders).

We have discovered through assessments that one of our greatest problems is lack of constructive and meaningful programs for both (in school-out) and (youth adults) of minority decent in conjunction with unemployment for both groups.

Police community relations is no longer as strained as previously hindered by youth groups and factions. However, there are discrepancies in regards to response, and action on individual cases but programatically the 48th police pct. under the command of Captain Shaw has had a most constructive working relationship in all our affairs.

The work relationship between the various programs in the community has risen to new heights of cooperation whereas there are cohesive forces mobilizing for greater contributions. These contributions are emanating from residents, Board of Director and especially V.I.P.

Coming through the past months has not been an easy task simply because there were those who were accustomed to viewing me as Youth Organizer and there

were those who also viewed my assistant as Youth Organizer. Quite often in the minority community, progress by a friend/brother is viewed and used as a devisive tactic yet publicly accepted but not the situation totally at Anti-Crime due to the openness of administration. I have spent a great deal of time in staff development through meetings and open discussions. Staff has had to make mistakes, grow and understand why their opinions might not always be accepted or respected therefore; I have attempted to give them a sense of "approach" for learning to accept failure and disappointment.

Even through we realize there are many situations we can not change immediately, we realize starting now is "hope". People must be taught community crime prevention.

Our efforts over the past year have been directed at anticipation, reorganizing and assessing crime risk and to reduce that risk which exist within the community. Through this effort I have attempted to personify a leadership ability which reflects "learning by doing".

I have been faced with encouraging staff to mobilize citizen action and cooperation with law enforcement agencies and at the same time address a wide range of injustices affecting our community and its people. We have maintained a variety of project activities for each component of our crime prevention services. We have recognized that one of the most beneficial effects of citizens involvement in activities in crime preventions is the increased inter action which is fostered between neighbors.

The staff has made tremendous growth in both understanding and service delivery. Our thrust is to continue with re-enforcement and to mobilize for

stabilization of our community.

I am planning continuous workshops with inservice training being planned by The Institute of Human Development, Bronx Legal Service, Consumer Affairs Agency and other adult alternative learning resources. We will also continue requesting technical assistance from the Center for Community Change and volunteer National Center for Citizen Involvement.

This service from the various agencies will allow for more effective self help organizing which will assist staff in promoting a greater sense of community.

Year II, will take us in many new directions but the objective is to improve our community by building upon the existing strengths of citizen mobilization through awareness.

HOLLIE L. SHAW, JR.

PROJECT DIRECTOR

PROJECT ASSISTANT REPORT

My first year position in the Anti-Crime staff was that of Youth Orgsnizer. I officially began my duties on August 14, 1978. It was my responsibility to mobilize the youth for organized positive community change, to increase daily participation in decision making as well as offering extensive counseling services. It was also my responsibility as youth organizer to help youths fill-out applications for various colleges and universities, to aid in financial information, and a general summary of what basic college life would be like.

My first task was to work with the drop-out rate of our community youths. The average youth in our community has a reading level of a 5.0. This we saw as a problem that needed immediate attention. What I began doing was soliciting help from community residents with hopes of combating the crime of illiteracy. Our tutoring program attracted youths of all grades and ages. However; because of limited resources our tutoring sessions were limited. Fortunately we were able to solicit help from a few volunteers to help with the much needed tutoring sessions. With their help we were able to expand our services to five (5) days a week. Our program ended when the schools closed for the summer.

As youth organizer it was also my responsibility to work with and counsel out of school youths as well as in school youths. We visited high schools and junior high schools in hopes of combating the truency problem, and to see what role we as an Anti-Crime program could play. We visited the majority of the schools in our planning board area.

Youths in the community usually displayed positive feelings about our program. Some were very receptive to our counseling service and our employment seeking devices.

Another important point of our component was to bring senior citizens closer with community youths. This segment of the program was called "Bridging the inter-generational gap. In as much as senior citizens and youths were involved in rap sessions as well as concerts, put on by the youths, fashions shows and talent shows.

Youths were used in our escort services via transportation services. They were responsible for ensuring the senior citizens a safe trip to their homes or houses.

The youth organizers were responsible for organizing the Anti-Crime Dance Workshop. The dance group consisted of twenty-three (23) youths, ranging in ages from seven (7) to twenty-one (21). The group was instructed by volunteers and performed in such places as Spofford Juvenile Center, Public Schools, and various senior citizen centers. The dance group met twice a week at the Anti-Crime facilities.

The Drama Workshop also held at the Anti-Crime facilities, held three time a week. has been very instrumental in keeping youths in a constructive crime preventive situation. They preformed skits and plays dealing with "real" crime situations. The dramatization of a community struggling with crime has proved very effective as demonstrated by the many requeststhey received to perform for various organizations. They have performed in instatutions such as Spofford Juvenile Center and other community organizations (V.I.P.)

I also played a vital part in obtaining tickets for sporting events; and having our community represented in different catagories of running events. I have worked with St. Josephs School in teaching youths how to prepare for an upcoming track meet. We as youth organizers have arranged the transporting of youths to rollerskating discos as well as softball games.

On April 16, 1979 I was promoted to the position of Project Assistant. My duties are to spend fifty percent (50%) of my time in the adminstration of the Anti-Crime Program. The other fifty percent (50%) of my duties are spent in advocating for and

with the small business people of the Tremont/Fordham Area.

Thus far I was very instrumental in opening a new line of communication with the merchant association. I have also inquired into the possibilities of loans and revitalizations for their store fronts.

I have attended Community Economic Development Committee meetings with the purpose of achieving economic revitalization for the Tremont/Fordham area. I distributed fliers to merchants and other community residents stating how the residents should give support to the Tremont merchants instead of shopping outside of the community. We were also instrumental in helping the merchants promote their sales days, as well as helping their association keep the Tremont Avenue strip clean.

Another important fact of the economic development committee is their earnest attempt to rectify the economic situation by trying to incorporate a feasible plan to eradicate the elements of crime through industry and jobs for community people.

Our area contains a large amount of senior citizens so we thought it feasible to work very close with them in capacities other than transportation and escort. What we did was receive a grant from the Department of Aging to form a Victim/Witness program. It became my responsibility to work as a liaison between The Department of Aging and the Senior Citizen. Through this program we are able to offer services such as financial aid, counseling, locks, payment of phone bills, rent, food stamps eye glasses etc. Therefore we have aided many seniors in their plight for equality. I have stressed to the seniors the importance of reporting crimes but it seems as though it was to no avail. However; the struggle still continues.

Counseling and workshops on Victim/Witness Programs are attended by myself. There I will seek to gain valuable information so I can relay it to the senior citizens as part of our Crime Prevention through education.

The remainder of the months were used in the supervising of the Anti-Crime Staff and working with merchants. I was also instrumental in going to court for youths, submitting proposals for expansion. Writing proposals for equipment, working with

the Summer Youth Employment Program, organizing tournaments, writing proposals for trophies and awards, and participating in conferences.

My first week at the Anti-Crime Program consisted of passing out fliers to the merchants and community residents explaining our newly formed program. Handing out fliers lasted for the remainder of the month.

September started the beginning of crime prevention week. I started by going to City Hall with the senior citizens to listen to the Mayor and Governor give a speech on crime prevention.

As a celebration of Crime Prevention Week we gave a talent show for the senior citizens. It featured Miss Hermine Hawkins who performed an African dance number. Ms. Helen Jones who is on staff also performed a song.

September was also the beginning of our tutoring program, I was the initial instructor. The sessions consisted of community youths whose ages ranged from eight (8) to sixteen (16) years old, but because of limited resources I was only able to have the tutoring services a couple of hours per day. The program was eventually expanded with the help of volunteers.

We had a town house meeting and all community residents were invited, Youths had also been interviewed during the month of September which was an on-going project.

October was brought into focus by way of technical assistance given by Mr. Hayes. October 10, 1979 was also the beginning of the Tremont Community Anti-Crime Program Dance Group. It consisted of ten (10) young ladies and two (2) dance instructors. Fliers and consent slips were given to the members of the group.

I started a photography work shop but was not allowed to continue because of security reasons. We had a "getting to know you social affair where all senior citizens and community residents were invited to participate or contribute to the reshaping of attitudes. Speeches were given by both youths and senior citizens expressing their new found feelings of each other.

October also featured the beginning of the Anti-Crime co-op program. Where

local youths registered and actively involved in our program was put on a two hour a day stipend to work in various locations.

The co-op was used as an incentive to bring troubled youths off the streets and into a constructive program. Saturday October 28, 1978 marked our programs first community clean-up. We received the help of community residents and local merchants in making our first clean-up a success. There were approximately seventy-five (75) people that participated in the clean-up. It was my responsibility to take pictures of the entire event. In doing so I took a total of fifty-six (56) pictures which showed senior citizens and youths cleaning streets, sidewalks, and lots. The month ended with a halloween party for the youths in the community. The party had originally been geared to entertain between fifty (50) and seventy-five (75) youths, but as it was we housed more than two hundred and fifty (250) people. There was plenty of food and candy to go around for everybody, when the candy ran out prizes and gifts were given out in its place. Along with the music we had a dance contest where fourteen (14) pairs entered the competition. From the fourteen (14) pairs three (3) pairs were chosen, the winners received books and a leather bag.

November we spent most of the time visiting junior high schools and high schools in hopes of finding out what role we as a crime prevention agency could play. On Monday November the 24th Ms. Carla Gaskins who is our project sponsor from Washington D. C. came to our office to monitor the progress of our program.

Detective Mooney of the 48th precinct spoke to the youths and residents of the community, concerning crime prevention. It was also the inception of our tenant and block patrol. He also gave us valuable information on certain parts of the Penal Code. Detective Mooney said that he would try and have policemen check the buildings that our tenants patrol would be in.

Ms. Romona (adams) Wilson who was our anti-crime dance instructor submitted a report on the progress of the dance group. For details see November 20-24 weekly report.

The December Week started off with meetings and training sessions for those employed in the youth and block patrols. The session lasted a total of three (3) days. After the three (3) days of training had ended the youth were taken to designated buildings and introduced to the persons they would be working with. I have also solicited support from the Marine Corps Reserve to help underprivileged youths in our community receive toys for Christmas. However, my request was for service was of no avail.

I met with Congressman Bingham who was here trying to gain support as well as take a need assessment of the community. I then started telling him about the program and my job responsibilities, I extended an invitation to him to come to our Christmas tree lighting.. Our "Christmas Tree Lighting" was a first in the community and a large number of people gave their support. The youths were instrumental in making decorations and wrapping toys. The youths were also eager to march in parade along with the community residents, merchants and a special guest from Washington D. C. (Ms. Carla Gaskins). The parade gathered in Crotona Park with various people speaking. After the lighting of the Christmas Tree McDonalds handed out free hamburgers and coffee or hot chocolate.

Friday December 21, 1979 the Dance group and Drama group went to Spofford Juvenile Center to perform for the inmates, it was considered a Christmas Show. The Program started at 6:30 and ended about 10:30, Mr. Rivers volunteered to drive the youths back and forth safely.

In January we met with various youth agencies in hope of fostering a relationship revolved around crime prevention. Because of the experience we encountered during the first three (3) months, we have had to focus our attention to Education, Unemployment, and activities in crime prevention.

We the Youth Organizers requested that we be allowed to concentrate our counseling and organizing mainly in these three (3) areas because the bulk of our client population has a greater need for these services and in doing so, we believe

that these areas of concentration will lessen the social isolation of youths and provide pro-social alternatives to delinquent adolescent behavior. In addition, it is expected that the intergenerational nature of activities will heighten neighborhood identity and open channels of communication between youths and adults. By placing greater interest and emphasis on education, we played an important part in assisting with up-grading employment skills, referring youths to various programs for vocational training, and community participation of all areas which bring about greater self-esteem. We have devised materials and programs where as youths use what they learn and we took inventory of prior experiences, (if they had any) to see if they were relevant to the goal. We felt it to be important that we know youths current knowledge and skill and make an assessment of attitudes, beliefs and values toward the aspired goal.

February I started classes on the Penal Code of New York and the teaching of the "Bill of Rights". The youths were very receptive to the classes and they learned the basics of each class. These classes were also used to acquaint the youths with the generally held values and expectations, along with requirements for full participation and the demands on youths arising from social changes. We are also working from the premise of community and shared values, beliefs and attitudes, specific social problems as they relate to crime prevention in our community, and at the same time it is imperative that we make all youths aware of the opportunities and resources available to them.

It has been our intention to present a program in Crime prevention Education that will present clear and precise objectives which will be the keystone for good instructional and counseling measures. We have utilized role playing, field trips classroom instruction, exchange programs with other agencies for role playing in job interviews, attended court hearings, and many more learning opportunities.

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In assessing the needs of the youths enrolled in our program, our conclusion suggests very strong emphasis in Education, Unemployment, and Activity and from this form of organizing we can obtain youth participation in Community Crime prevention.

March had been a drastic month for us in terms of a new administration. Our Old administrator restricted the staff from performing field work. He wanted everyone to stay in the office and perform various office skills. I did a large amount of counseling with the youth patrol and block patrol, I also had weekly meetings with them. I must also mention that the program was in danger of being terminated because of lack of supervision. Ms. Battle who was acting director at the time offered no positive alternatives to the situation. Ms. Battle then resigned and Mr. Shaw was named acting director. We felt as though we were once again heading in the right direction. With Mr. Shaw holding three positions it made it virtually impossible for him to retain all the information he had received, so I was asked to help smooth the situation by assuming certain responsibilities. I began by attending the Economic Development Committee meetings and various merchant meetings. The main task was having our program accepted into the association. Once that was established we were allowed to work hand in hand in a combined effort to combat crime in the Tremont/Fordham area.

April started the beginning of nice weather and preparations for upcoming holidays. I started the month with a youth meeting, in that meeting we discussed the possibilities of cleaning of the various parks in the community. I also set up scrimmage games for Webster police athletic league and Riverside basketball team.

The youth organizers met with Mr. Angel Martinez and Mr. Rosario Matos from Account #59, We discussed how our agencies could be of help to each other. We also discussed the borrowing of equipment from planning board #6 and it was Account #59 responsibility to supply us with garbage bags.

Members from the drama club and youth patrol were very instrumental in seeing

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that Echo Park (Julia Richman) was cleaned and all the garbage was put on the sidewalks for proper disposal.

During the month of April I assumed the position of Project Assistant. A description of the job requirements were posted and I applied, I was accepted on a probationary status.

Ms. Julia Singham from Washington D. C. offers our program technical assistance on various occasions, this occasion being the turn over of the new administration. Ms. Singham stayed two days and we discussed the financial situation of the program, and strategies of rebuilding the program.

Aside from youth meetings I was involved with community crime prevention seminars at Pace University. The conference lasted three (3) days and featured such notables as Judge Bruce Wright, Commissioner Perry N.Y.P.D., Benjamin Ward N.Y.H.A., and Henry Dogan L.E.A.A. Upon completion of the course we received certification of graduation.

Although I had assumed the position as Project Assistant I was never the less responsible for the youth activities until an appropriate replacement could be found.

May brought in a senior citizen fashion show performed by senior citizens from various senior citizen centers. The outfits were designed by the youth from Jane Adams Vocational High School. The concept of the fashion show was "Old but Beautiful". Taking something old and making it look beautiful again. We of the Anti-Crime staff set up our office in the park during Bronx, Week. We provided entertainment via drama and dance group, balloons, and information on every aspect of the program. We distributed literature, held verbal conversations and had special quests

The Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program was the recipient of a grant from the Department of Aging to assist senior citizens with financial matters. The program was awarded five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for seniors who have become the victim of a crime. My contact person with the dept. of aging was Ms. Yvonne Henry.

I also started a basketball team for an upcoming summer tournament, preparations and practices were needed in order to have a decent chance in a most competitive

sport.

The remainder of the month was used in weekly youth meetings with danceclass, youth patrols and tutors.

During June I was busy making plans for a summer lunch program. I spoke with Ms. Early of the lunch program to find out if our program would qualify for the lunch program. In order to qualify there were two (2) small violations that had to be corrected. The violations were corrected and we produced a feasible place for lunch to be eaten. However; at the last moment we were disqualified because of other lunch programs being so close in the area.

On June the 5th, I was involved as guest speaker at Mary Mount College to speak on the Victim/Witness program and it's use in our community. I was also involved in the staff training given by Father Neil from L.E.A.A. which covered goals and objectives of proposal writting.

I went to Criminal Court because one of our youths had been involved in a fist fight with another youth. I went not as an attorney, but as a character reference. As it turned out the case was dropped because the other party never appeared.

I wrote a proposal for our agency and the Park's dept. to sponsor a basketball tournament with the kick-off being June 1979 . However, it was postponed until a later date because of the weather. Shirts and trophies were in the process of being ordered from Mr. Bill Motley but a lack of participation in the tournament seemed to take its toll. As an alternative to the five (5) man basketball tournament a three (3) man tournament was established to begin in August.

The remainder of the month was used in various meetings and conferences with Mr. Wesley Rush of the entertainment committee, senior citizen conference, Bill Motley, and Chet Henderson of Echo Park.

July I attended a meeting of the summer youth job director. At the meeting the do's and don'ts of the program were explained. Ms. Freeman who is director of the summer youth employment program stated that all agencies would be inspected by

City and State officials. Our agency was inspected several times because of the amount of youths we have requested.

On July 9, 1979 a total of fifty-six (56) youths became a part of our Anti-Crime Program summer youth employment program. Although my role had been a major one up until that point it had simmered down quite a bit because Mr. Bundridge has assumed the position of youth organizer. I was an overseer of the program in as much as it was Mr. Bundridge's responsibility to keep me informed of any irregularities in the program.

I along with Mr. Shaw attended a meeting sponsored by a South Bronx agency in hopes of having a youth sports program in Van Cortlandt Park. We arranged to use our mini bus as an ambulance service or to transport other agencies to the park. Our agency was represented by the youths in the community. We were also involved in submitting proposals to the Greater New York Fund.

August was spent in making preparation for Awards Night. Aside from administrative duties I was involved in a three on three basketball tournament held in Echo Park (Julia Richmond)

I wrote a proposal for trophies to the First National City Bank and they read the proposal and said they would get in touch with me. As of yet there has been no written response.

September was used mostly in getting the written materials ready to be typed. I had also attended directors meetings, economic development meetings and merchants association meetings, staff meetings and meetings with Ms. Henry from the department of Aging.

Our program is also in the process of moving to a new location, which requires constant inspection. I along with Mr. Shaw inspect the progress of the building almost daily. If things are not up to expectations then we visit the landlord to see what the problem is.

Project R.E.A.L. is a program designed to work with youth offenders that have been convicted of one or more felony charges. Our program affords the ex-offender a constructive atmosphere in which to learn basic and general skills.

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BOOKKEEPERS YEARLY REPORT

FROM MAY 14, 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1979

I was employed by the Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program on May the 14th 1979 on a temporary basis till June 30, 1979. When I commenced work that Monday morning I first did some typeing for Mr. Shaw and the staff and brought all there correspondence up to date. I then started to do the books and the files and found both of them in a state of complete chaos. The correspondence files were in three and four different places for example, on top of the file cabinets, in desk drawres, in boxes, etc. Some of the fiscal papers were at V.I.P's office some at the Anti-Crime's office and some could not be found at all. I first tackeled the files and put them in order and compounded all records into the following files:

- A) General Files
- B) Personnel File
- C) Bookkeeping File

After the files were in order I then started on the books. I first had to back track and record the month of March thur May 1979 to find out what was paid and what was unpaid as of May. The Blue Cross/ Blue Shield coverage was due and about to be cancelled also the Life Insurance had not been paid since it initially started Taxes had not been payed since the month of Feburary, the rent had been paid twice in one (1) month, etc. The employees earning record cards could not be located and had to be done over from the first of the year. The first quarter's 941 could not and still has not been located, for said reason I had to do payroll analysis for both quarters in order to do the second quarter's 941. I then updated the Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursement Journal, General Journal and Standard Journal. It took me more then a month to get things in some semblance of order.

Mrs. Ann Barrili told me that the auditors had informed her that the following pages in the General Ledger were not needed:

- 1-Cash on Hand
- 2-Anti-Crime Receivable

3-Anti-Crime Reimbursable Advances Receivable
4-Accounts Receivable
5-Deposits
6-Fix Assets
7-Reserve Valuation Fixed Assets
8-Accounts Payable

I also found that the Trail Balance was discontinued, but in my opinion some are necessary and on next years books I will incorporate them in the books again.

I was not able to locate the original or a copy of the approved budget, so I had to take the last budget revision I found and from that use those figures to do a new budget revision which was approved by Washington D. C. extending the budget year to September 28, 1979.

In the month of June my status was changed from a temporary employee to a permanent employee. I was happy to accept as I have found the work and the program to be very interesting and challenging. A very important agent in my decision of accepting was the congeniality the staff showed me.

In August 1979 the Anti-Crime program's van was purchased from New Hyde Park, the company that it was leased from. On the 14th of August the Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program celebrated it's first year with an Award's Night which was a great success. Also in August a new location for the Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program was found and arrangements were made to make the place suitable to our needs. I picked up our new lease and had Con Edison turn on the lights, so we could move in on the first of September 1970. We were not able to move in on the scheduled date due to the renovations that are being done.

During the month of September I will be in the final stages of closing out the books for year one (1) and making a financial report to the controllers office in Washington D. C. I am also in the process of making preparations for the coming

year two (2) which begins October 1, 1979.

I expect that the coming year will not bring any major problems regarding the fiscal operations of the program, and thus giving me more time to get much more involved in other aspects of the program.

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YEARLY REPORT

The basic function of the Parent Organizer is to educate and organize Parents to become more involved and concerned in the community activities, the welfare of other children, and be self motivating. This effort would be the vehicle as a deterrent against crime. Parents set examples by action as well as words. The need to have parents involved and concerned with constructive activity is very great and reciprocal. For if adults set examples of basic values such as volunteerism, community activity and awareness, and self respect the youth who are the future of the community, will follow the pattern.

We are not fully aware of our duties as parent organizers, but we were aware of the needs of the community residents. Our target was the unemployed parent, welfare parent and parents without a high school diploma.

We advertised our program extensively by attending Parents Association meetings at the area Day Care Center, Elementary Schools, and Junior High Schools. We also posted material and distributed literature and spoke with people in the street and visited parents homes to inform them about the services we offer. We also visited other vital institutions which parents frequent such as the Department of Social Services, and Health Stations.

The need of the parents of the community assessed by the parent organizer was basically economic. Residents believed they were being exploited in the basic services, such as electricity, telephone, and groceries. We designed a workshop to give parents the opportunity to get the questions answered and to be informed of how they could save money when using these services.

Our workshops were held in the mornings to reach the parents who were at home. This time period seemed to be unsuccessful, only eight (8) parents participated in this very informative workshop. Those parents who participated were actively involved in the workshop by asking questions and contributing their experiences.

We presented another workshop for parents which focused primarily on child bearing, health and child health. The turnout for this workshop was nine (9) parents.

In order to establish ourselves we changed our time period to the evening. Parents tend to come out in the evenings due to the duties of the household, working, or attending school, also many parents were reluctant to put trust into a program which had not established itself as yet.

We also sponsored programs and activities so the community could become acquainted with our program and its services.

The year seemed to give us a stronger input as we stepped up our strategy. The need to form a solid, dependable parents group was apparent. After a few meetings officers were elected for the Concerned Parents Association in March.

In order to register more parents we began having concerned parents meetings and all meetings in the evenings. We attended more tenants meetings. We also had entertainment and lectures together.

We have been working in conjunction with various social and educational institutions to be the liaison between parents and that institution. Parents often need services which are available, but they do not know where or how to get them. We also relieved parents of the anxiety and frustration produced by the red tape and coldness of the bureaucratic procedure.

There were various clean-up campaigns our program sponsored to generate concern for the physical appearance of the neighborhood. We started two (2) beautification projects to motivate pride and concern for the communities appearance.

We also attempted to reduce fear of using the public parks by sponsoring various activities in the park to bring the park back to the people. In order to enhance our knowledge and expertise we attended workshops and conferences.

I attended parents association meetings during the year at; St. Joseph's Elementary School, C.E.S. 58, Tremont Monterey Day Care Center, Washington Avenue Day Care Center, Trinity Day Care Center, Junior High School 118, Bilingual School 211, C. E. S. 57, 59 and I. S. 137. Also attended community programs, and institutions such as V.I.P. , the Society for the Advancement of Children, Phoenix House, Parents Anonymous, Tremont Corporation, etc.

Workshops and Conferences attended are as follows: at Fordham University I attended the fund raising workshop and the Food Co-op Workshop, We also had a two day workshop at Housing Network explaining the psychology and strategy of organizing people. The Center for Community Change gave us a workshop on formal report writing, at the V.I.P. program I attended a workshop on child abuse given by V.I.P.. A workshop given by Community School District 12 on Consumer Education, it was designed to inform residents of ways to save money and laws which protect the consumer. The Institute for Human Development gave a workshop which was designed to inform community programs of problems which may arise and the workers and problems between staff and the community boards. We were also informed of where and how to get monies to enhance our program. I also attended a beautification workshop at Saint Albans Church.

Some of the workshops and programs we sponsored were;
GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This program was designed to invite the community in to become acquainted with our program and its staff.

PROJECT ALERT I

The parents were informed of educational and financial opportunities in continuing education

CONSOLIDATED EDISON

The parents were informed of how to save money and they asked other questions

MUTUAL AID SOCIETY FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND RIVERDALE FOOD CLUB

They informed parents of how to organize a food co-op and the benefits of having one.

NEW YORK TELEPHONE

They were unable to make it

PROJECT ALERT II

The parents were informed of positive ways to avoid child abuse.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER (HEALTH)

He spoke of the risk involved in living in a high crime area and how to

sustain health.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The parents were informed of the changes in the food stamp program and the effects it might have

CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A film from New York Telephone Company, Black History Museum(speaker) This program was geared to Senior Citizens in the afternoon to inform them of the tribulations, success, pride and culture of Blacks in America.

RAPE AND BATTERED WIVES PREVENTION

This workshop informed parents of ways to avoid these violent situations and what to do if in that situation.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We sponsored a Christmas Party for the day care Children and Santa Claus gave out gifts to each child. Also all of the day care center we had worked with were present and gave a performance. We solicited the gifts from the area merchants and the Childrens Television Workshop.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND PARADE

This activity attempted to bring about pride and lift the esteem of the residents about their community.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We solicited eggs from the area grocery stores and hid the eggs in Tremont Arthur Park. Each day care center dyed their own eggs and had classes hunt for them in the park.

POST EASTER FASHION SHOW

The children and youth were the models for this fashion. This activity gave the models a sense of pride and a chance to be in the spot light.

YOUTH

The youth of the Tremont Community have a high drop out rate and unemployment rate which is correlated with the youth crime rate.

Since my inception as youth organizer in May 5, 1979, I have registered approximately 300 youth. Approximately 80% of those youth did not have a high school diploma about 90% were seeking employment and 10% seeking to get their diploma. These figures alone demonstrate the need for personal and career counselling and tutoring program. This aspect of our program help youth get direction, guidance, and helps to be on a crime free productive path.

We have found that if these youth were involved in constructive activities they would be less likely to be on the street committing crime, and also be involved in constructive learning experiences. Youth need a place to recreate and relax also.

Our goal was to register and service 600 youth after one year. To date we have over 800 youth registered. In order to mobilize these youth into more constructive crime prevention activity we developed various programs, workshops, intergenerational activities and recreational activities. We strongly urged volunteering and a positive attitude and positive self esteem. We believe that if you feel good about yourself you will do good deeds.

EXPANSION

We have contacted other agencies and programs to refer youth for jobs and programs to continue their education for a G.E.D. and go on to college. This is a very important part of our program due to the high drop out rate and unemployment rate among the youth of this community.

I have been attending the Tremont Business Association meetings and Economic Development meetings along with the project assistant, and project director to create a working relationship with the merchants. This working relationship will help to create more jobs for youth and residents of the community, bring about more housing in the area, attempt to enhance the business of the Tremont area merchants and revitalize the Tremont/Fordham area.

We have afforded fifty-four (54) youth of the Summer Youth Employment Program summer jobs by becoming a work site sponsor. We provided good work assignments and individual group counselling. We also sponsored trips for the youth to ease frustration, negative attitudes toward supervisors, which are (apparent) in summer programs due to the heat of the summer and the unfamiliarity with supervisors.

We also afforded ten (10) (from our regular program and five from SYEP Program) extra employment for the remainder two weeks of the summer. The contractor is remodeling our new facility and hired the youth to do remodeling and demolition, because he was impressed with the summer

workers who helped for the last few days of the summer program.

The Summer Youth Employment Program will be working with us on a voluntary basis, then perhaps put on stipend. They will also be involved in many of our programs activities.

We have also found the need to work with juvenile ex-offenders. Many of these youth have committed crimes because of boredom, peer pressure, unemployment, attention, and a low self-esteem. Once these youth come out they often find it difficult to get back into a positive path due to the mistrust of the rest of society and often their negative attitudes. We have been working with Project R.E.A.L. This project is a program which helps to place juvenile ex-offenders in job setting and they pay them. We will not only be giving these youth positive job experience by involving them with Senior Citizens, Crime Prevention, workshops, other youths and parents, but we will also give them extensive counselling.

I have found the need to monitor the Civil Court and Family Court to register ten (10) youth in our program. We will also have them involved in Crime Prevention activities.

In order to fully reach the amount of people who need help, the need for expansion is crucial. We will be moving to a larger facility which will greatly enhance many of our goals, but the work is tremendous and the youth organizer needs help to completely fulfill the projections and goals. We have just begun and accomplished very much, but there is much more work that is needed to be done. Expanding the staff would give us more thrust to get the work done.

INTERGENERATIONAL LIST AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SOFTBALL GAMES: Youth have participated in softball games with staff, this proved to improve the attitudes of many of the youth.

BRONX WEEK CELEBRATION : The office was set up in the park and the dance and drama groups performed.

RYE BEACH: I took the participants of the SYEP Program to Rye Beach.

HARLEM WEEK YOUTH FESTIVITIES: The youth of our stipend program and the summer youth were involved in the Harlem Week Block Party and celebration.

COMMUNITY AWARDS NIGHT: Many youth were involved with helping us set up tables, etc. along with parents and staff. Because of many of our youths dedication, work and unselfish attitude they were given awards.

MORGAN GRAMBLING GAME: Complimentary tickets were solicited from the Urban League to afford the youth of our program to attend a function which otherwise may not be accessible to them.

ETHNIC BLOCK FESTIVAL: Youth will be involved on a voluntary basis to help set up. They will also participate in the activities and enjoy the entertainment.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES: These activities foster a better understanding relationship between youth, adults and senior citizens. Youth sometimes become hostile or violent when interaction with an older "authority figures". We have found that these activities tend to buffer that negative attitude once they are exposed to the adult world and understand the position of "authority figures" and also the adults learn to understand that youth do know what they are doing mostly and most youth are not criminals.

VOLUNTEERISM: Volunteerism is a very important facet of community involvement and crime prevention. The value of volunteering services can be fostered by example and strong motivation. We mobilized youth to the point where they have volunteered time to various projects, programs and to help another individual.

Youth volunteering helps to reduce the fear of youth by senior citizens who are too often victims of youthful crimes and parents of the community. Youth have volunteered services in:

The Drama Workshop was completely made up of volunteers. Some youth volunteered to help individual senior citizens who were in need of assistance. Youth volunteered to help us in celebrating Bronx Week, in beautification and cleaning projects, in presenting Community Awards night. Youth also volunteered to come with us to the LEAA Program Conference at Marymount College in New York City. They volunteered to help us when we had our disco dance, to put up free smoke detectors for eligible senior citizens.

FESTIVAL AND PARADE Ten (10) of our youth volunteered to help in the campaign of the merchants by running Power Vac sweepers for the street and placing barrels for garbage on each corner. This also helped to create a better relationship between the Tremont Merchants, who are afraid of the youth due to the high youth crime rate, and the youth became more acquainted with the merchants which let them realize they were not against them.

STREET LAW WORKSHOP The street law classes and mock trials help youth to understand the workings and terminology of the legal system, which often is ambiguous to the average laymen.

It is termed street law because anyone in the street could understand. This street law workshop will be ongoing and will expose youth to various aspects of the law and legal system which affects them directly and indirectly.

YOUTH PATROL: Youth patrol are needed and instrumental in deterring crime. The youth are given extensive counselling of the duties, responsibilities, and what to do in given situations. The mere presence of the youth patrol helps to reduce the fear of crime. They provide security, a protection of our day care centers and buildings which have tenant association which our program assists.

DRAMA AND DANCE WORKSHOPS: The dance and drama workshops enable us to use their creative talents as a vehicle for crime prevention. The drama workshop presented a very successful crime prevention play written and directed by one of the youth. This play carried a crime prevention message and also gave community residents a chance to see the positive things youth are doing.

The Dance group and drama group have given performances at Spofford Juvenile Center. They were examples to the youth which demonstrated that they can also be more productive if given a chance. They also performed in the park on Bronx Week.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

Economic Development meeting/Tremont Merchants meetings. I have been attending these meeting along with the Project Assistant to gain a rapport with the area merchants and hopefully be involved in gaining youth employment through the merchants and enhancing the merchants business by sponsoring various programs together.

LEAA PROGRAM CONFERENCE: We attended the New York LEAA Directors conference. This conference was designed for LEAA programs to share information of the successes and failures of each others programs. Three of our youth volunteered to come and participate in the workshops.

SYEP ORIENTATION: There were 400 youth in the SYEP orientation program, fifty-four (54) were designated to our program. Many of the youth did not know what an Anti-Crime Program was all about, I informed them of the services of our program and the serious need for more crime prevention programs. I also spoke on the basic philosophy and goals and related to them as part of the youth population.

PERSONAL AND CAREER COUNSELLING: Personal and career Counselling is one of the most important facets of our youth program, due to a high level of unemployment, high level of youth without diplomas and high crime rate. We have solicited resources which we can refer youth for jobs, classes for G.E.D. and training programs. These resources have been productive. Approximately 30% of the youth which have come in since I have been Youth Organizer have been placed in a training program, found a job or placed in G. E. D. classes.

Vocational Instruction Program
1948 Washington Avenue

Project Find
160 West 71st Street

Bronx, Career Resource
1021 East 178th Street

Jobs For Youth
1831 Second Avenue

Federation Employment
2432 Grand Concourse

New York Ethnic Affairs
2912 Tremont Avenue

Vocational Foundation
44 East 23rd Street

Union Settlement
174 104th Street

SYEP SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM: The SYEP program proved to be rather productive. We assigned youth to clean-up detail to help continue our beautification projects and revitalize the community by cleaning areas and forcing people to take notice and hopefully follow the example.

We also had youth assigned as senior citizen escorts. This helped to foster better relationship between seniors and youth.

We also had some youth assigned to the drama workshop. They went to the area day care centers and summer camp programs to put on workshops on basic acting schools and getting the children involved. Youth are also working in the office doing various duties.

Many of these youth need to become involved with activities of our program to help change their negative attitudes and help some get onto a path that would be productive.

YEARLY REPORT

August 14, 1978 was a majority of the staffs first day for commencing with community anti-crime employment. Our director gave an introduction of the staff and program. He gave us a verbal job discription and benefits. The orientation was brief. He then requested that we get into groups, according to components, to figure out how we were going to work for the community to prevent crime. We decided to advertise the program to the community by drafting poster and fliers, and distributing them to people in the street and building. The advertisements were drafted in English and Spanish; all SPanish translation were drafted by me because I was the first Hispanic employed at the time.

I took my first case; A Senior Citizen who was robbed in his apartment. He lived in a basement apartment, which was illegal for residential inhabitation under such conditions. We (co-workers and I) inspected his apartment and found no sign of robbery, except disorganization and lack of hygiene. We referred this client to another agency for assistance, but he never made a followup on the referral. We inspected other floors of the building and spoke with several tenants. We were informed that the landlord was not servicing the tenants with hot water and code violation repaired. We later distributed fliers to inform the tenants of our coming to visit their apartments for inspection, gather information and provide our service. While interviewing the tenants, we were informed that most of the tenants were planning to relocate and that they were not interested in improving the conditions of the building, because it was not worth fighting for. We attempted setting up meetings for 449 East 185th Street(building), but tenants who resided in this building lacked cooperation. We sent letters to tenants and suggested individual assistance, but no one ever called.

A tenant of 2412 Webster Avenue called, and complained that the landlord was not providing heat nor hot water. We (co-worker and I) contacted the landlord and he informed us that a new boiler needed to be replaced. And that some tenants

were not paying their rent, if the tenant would pay he would request for a loan to replace the new boiler. A meeting was established with the tenants and they agreed to pay their rent. A tenant association was later organized to improve the conditions and to begin preventing crime in their building. The boiler was replaced and our next intentions were to repair the front entrance doors that had no locks for security and safety. Also to establish a tenant patrol. Tenants and landlords had agreed upon sharing half the cost of repairing the door. But again because of lack of cooperation from several tenants not abiding with their part of the agreement, nothing was accomplished. They also lost interest in attending the meetings, considering that the building was a small eight (8) unit building, we could not work only with one or two tenants. We sent letter to work with tenants on individual basis.

A tenant of 1876 Aruthur Avenue called the Anti-Crime office, who's attention was attracted by the fliers distributed in the streets and buildings, to request assistance concerning safety of tenants and neighborhood. We arranged to hold a meeting to emphasize the purpose of organizing a tenant association and block association. We gave them examples of their surrounding undesirable hanging out peddling drugs- in the park across their building. They can have the light in the handball court turned off at a certain time and not on for twenty-four hours. We also stated that they can work along with the 48th precinct and improve community relations. Co-workers and I were unable to organize a tenant association because most of the tenants did not want to get involved. We asked them to discuss it over among themselves, even though they have a good, well secured and no violation building there were still other things they could do.

I assisted co-workers in organizing a tenant association at 1919 Bathgate Avenue. This building is city owned and the city, which is HOusing Preservation and Development (H.P D) was not providing adequate services to the tenants. Tenants began a rent strike and opened an account. After several phone calls and visiting h.p.d. personally, we were able to have the boiler repaired. In tenant

meetings most of the tenants would attend, but none of them would volunteer to persue action or work together. Then tenants started paying their rent and some repairs were done in occupied and vacant aptment for rent. Co-worker persued this case on his owned.

505 East 178th Street is a sturdy private building, landlord provides adaqueate service to the tenants. I interviewed most of the tenants and informed them of our program. I emphasized my chief purpose for the visit, which was to establish a block association in the Bathgate Avenue area, but in order to do so I needed to organize several tenant assocaitions. Some tenants thought it was a good idea, but did not what to participate because of lack of time. Others thought that they had no complaints and were well established with the landlord. I tried to convince them that they needed no complaints of violations to organize themselves and enhance their building and community All we needed was their participation and support, I emphasized that our office is open to provide assistance whenever needed.

I have worked along with a representative from community relations of the Board of Education to organize parents who are concerned of their child's education as well as living conditions. I met with the parents of 2049 Crotona Avenue several times and arranged to schedule a tenant meeting. In the tenant meeting I again emphasize the importance of establishing a tenant association. They can enhance the building by working along with the landlord to repair violation and provide mainly heat and hot water. I interviewed most of the tenants individually and inspected their violations in their apartments. I requested that they all come to the next meeting. I sent letter to all tenants notifying them of the scheduled meetings, but less than half the tenants attended and I could not accomplish my goal with just this number of tenants.

The successful buildings were 1993 Bathgate Avenue; adjacent to 1991 Bathgate Avenue. This building is also city owned and because of neglect in providing proper service through Housing Presevation and development (H.P.D.) the tenants have come forward for assistance to preserve and improve their building.

Acknowledging the tenants for their cooperation, especially the President, they have had a tenant association since October of 1978. I am assured that the committee's duties were being implemented. A co-worker assisting me with this case and guiding us through court procedures, when the tenants association needed to evict a tenant for harassment. The tenant association has been paying rent and depositing the money in the bank, and with the money they have had repairs done to eliminate violations in the building. The tenants have done volunteer work in the hallways, such as plastering and painting. I assisted the tenant association through security measures; such as having the doors repaired for security, organized tenant patrol, and a youth patrol provided by Anti-Crime youth program. We repaired several vacant apartments and rented them to reliable new tenants, to avoid squatters and intruders for burglary; we also requested strong new mail boxes through HPD; the tenants themselves are very cooperative in watching over intruders or suspicious guests. Since the tenant association inception there has not been a crime committed in the building.

I assisted 1993 Bathgate Avenue through building management and persuading them to an Interim Lease Program.

Tenant meetings were scheduled and held twice or three times a month or as necessary. Many meetings were also held with HPD to demand major improvements. It took a lot of struggling with HPD, and conflicts among tenants to accomplish this segment of better living conditions.

Along with working with buildings, I participated with co-workers in clean-up campaign, block association meetings, bake sales, etc. I also participated in seminars, training course from Bronx Legal Service, and Youth and senior citizen activities.

It has been an experience and a gain of knowledge working for Tremont Anti-Crime Program as a Tenant Facilitator assisting the community; also as an employee for two different directors, and working along with my co-workers.

The lack of housing opportunities has become a critical problem for the minority household in New York City, approximately forty-seven percent (47%) of whom have annual incomes of under five thousand dollars (\$5,000)

The Tremont Bathgate area is comprised of many structurally sound buildings which have been abandoned or neglected by the City (N.P.D.) and landlords. Most landlords abandoned their buildings because of no profits due to increase in fuel, maintenance, vandalism and non rent paying tenants. Although there is a steady flow of residents from the area to cleaner and safer neighborhoods, our community remains a vital place for residents who choose to remain and those that are trapped because of financial or economic reasons. struggle to survive deterioration, crime and vandalism.

Housing needs for the residents in the Tremont Bathgate Avenue area can be provided through renovation of suitable and available housing structures with overall neighborhood revitalization efforts. Due to the City's slow process of allocating funds for rehab and their inability to cope with the pace of abandonment, meaningful change seems distant and many families still reside in burned out and abandoned tenements victims of a total lack of public and private services and concern.

As a Tenant Facilitator with the Tremont Community Anti-Crime Program I have been working with the residents and merchants to prevent further deterioration and improve housing conditions. through tenant organizing and education in crime prevention.

During the first six weeks of the program the staff worked together on planning how the program should be implemented and presented to the community. We combined our thoughts and ideas as a team, to reach out to those in need and at the

same time gain the community confidence and cooperation. We discussed the development of professional and personal attitudes toward the community. How to introduce ourselves to the public, and how to react if we're rejected or ignored. We drafted letters and fliers announcing our program and how we can service the community. We mailed letters to state, city and local agencies. We visited churches, day care centers, schools, agencies merchants and residents from Tremont Avenue to Fordham Road, from Southern Blvd. to Valentine Avenue.

TREMONT COMMUNITY BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS

The aim of the Tremont community Block Associations is to bring, together the combined strength of tenants, block and civic associations to maintain and/or improve the essential services police, sanitation, fire, youth, senior citizens, housing and consumer.

Another objective is to work along with the Tremont Merchants, to encourage the community to patronize local merchants and join them in promoting the area as a strong and viable community. The promotion will also serve to attract new businesses and residents into the Tremont area.

The problems of our community affect each of us, homeowners, tenants, and businessmen. If we do not join in a concerted effort to resolve them now, they will slowly engulf us and strangle what was once a flourishing neighborhood/community

The Tremont Community Block Associations was formed with a small group of area residents who had ideas and hopes of making their neighborhood a better place to live. The association is still small, but we are growing in strength and numbers. We have drafted a simple set of by-laws which is easy to follow and enables the association to function in a democratic way without red tape. We also drafted Block

Association application and membership cards. The association meets once a month.

TENANT PATROLS

Tenant patrols were organized on safety for survival. Safety because of neglect and lack of concern from the City H.P.D., landlords and some tenants, residents are robbed and mugged daily. Through organizing for safety, vacant apartments were locked to prevent arsonist and keep out would be muggers, rapist, squaders and burglars. Tenant patrols were formed and front doors locked to keep out undersirables and protect mail boxes from being ripped off. A rotation system for patrolling was established between the Youth, and adults. Hallways and roofs were checked and visitors were asked to sign when entering or leaving the premises. crime prevention unit from the 48th pct. kept a tab on all patrols.

I contacted and follow through on two safety workshops for community residents, given by the 48th pct. crime unit. We established eight tenant patrols.

SANITATION AND CLEAN-UPS

The Tremont Bathgate Avenue area is service by two sanitation districts twenty-two (22) and twenty-seven (27). Garbage collection and manpower was cut due to City's lay-offs. Leaving the area with fewer pickups, street sweepers and no broom sweepers.

We decided to help combat the war on grime through clean-ups. We educated the tenants on how they can assist during our tenant meetings. We stress the sanitation conditions and how it can create a major, health hazared in the area. Most tenants decided to do lot and block clean-ups of their surrounding areas, because the areas were infested with rats due to the accumulation of garbage on the lots. We contacted sanitation and they cooperated in helping to remove the bulk

of the garbage from five vacant lots.

We sponsored two (2) clean-up campaigns. Residents and merchants cooperated.

I contact local sanitation districts and requested nine litter baskets. We distributed them on 178th Street from Washington Avenue to Huchas Avenue. Signs were painted and placed on the litter baskets, announcing our program and requesting residents to cooperate in helping to keep the neighborhood clean.

Residents are joining the Block Associations to continue their fight for a cleaner and safer neighborhood.

BRONX WEEK

Bronx Week was declared by Robert Abrams during his term as Borough President in 1972. During the month of May each year through out the Borough many groups and organizations sponsor festivities in observance of Bronx Week. The Anti-Crime staff decided to observe Bronx Week in Crotona Park because, due to the high crime rate and drug traffic, community residents feared useing the park. By setting up office in the park it made area residents aware that one of our goals was to deter crime in the park and help make it safe for the community again.

I worked with the staff in organizing and planning for the affair by, drafting letters to the media, T.V., radio, and Bronx Press Review. Drafted fliers which was distributed informing residents of Bronx Week celebration. Each component manned a table, we spoke with area residents on crime prevention and distributed information about our services and other services in the area. We had participation by other community agencies. There were skits, dancers, and singers. The 48th pct. manned a table and registered young men and women for police examination.

I drafted guidelines duties and responsibilities for the following:

Block Associations	Tenant Patrols
Youth Patrols	Floor Captains
Tenant Associations	Chairmans
Escort Service (senior Citizen)	Secretary
Fliers (tenant meeting and for clean-up)	Treasure

SAFETY TIPS: Composed and distributed safety tip fliers to community residents for Holloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and summer months. During this time of the year crime is very high in rapes, muggings, burglary and conartist.

COURT CASES: Appeared in court with four (4) tenants as tenant advocate for trials. Tenants was served with disposses notices.

REFERRELS: Referred seven (7) tenants to Rent Control for certification of apartments rents. They were being charged to much rent. Referred and filled out applications for section #8 clients, rent subsidy.

MEETINGS:

- 1) Attended 41 tenant meetings
- 2) Attended 4 landlord and tenant meetings
- 3) Attended 7 Dept. of Real Property H.P.D. and tenants meeting
- 4) Attended 5 police and tenant meetings on safety
- 5) Attended 4 workshop (safety and Housing)
- 6) Attended 3 conference workshops (housing)
- 7) Attended 10 block Association meetings

TENANT ASSOCIATIONS: Most tenants who reside in multital dwellings shy away from one another due to the high crime rate in the area, locking themselves away from little or no communication with one another, and the community. Most of them have problems but are not aware of what course of action to take in order to solve their problems. Some tenants will try to the best of their ability and knowledge through legal channels, but the majority of them sit back hopelessly,

not aware of what can be accomplished as a body.

When organizing a Tenant association, I stress the importance of organizing as a unified body, to fight for and demand their rights as rent paying tenants, and educate them on doing so in a legal manner to know and understand the housing laws and procedures on landlord and tenants rights and responsibilities. After discussing tenants problems, a list of priorities are made and certain committees were formed among the tenants to deal with the issues.

FLOOR CAPTAINS: Floor captains were organized to keep the tenants on their floors informed of important issues pertaining to building repairs and safety. Through floor captains next door neighbors became more concerned, protective and watching out for one another. They also became more aware of new people moving in and out of the building.

MANAGEMENT: I educated tenants on proper procedures in maintenance and management of their building. Due to non payment of taxes by the landlords the city owns most of the buildings that we have organized in the area. Due to the city's bureaucratic system, needed repairs takes for ever or never. In order to get needed repairs, the tenants paid their rents to the association who was responsible for having repairs done. The officers of the Tenant Association were given extensive training in filling out forms to open bank escrow accounts, proper record keeping, management, monthly disbursements, monthly bank statements and established accreditation with companies for needed repairs. Working closely with these tenants they developed a sense of responsibility to help deter crime and stop deterioration of the area.

I also assisted co-workers in setting up records properly for interim lease program also for insurance, fuel ect.

1925 MONTEREY AVENUE: 1925 Monterey Avenue is located between 178th Street and Tremont Avenue. It is the only multipal dwelling on the block that is occupied. The building is surrounded by burnt out and abandoned buildings. The building consists of sixty three (63) apartments.

The Tenant Association was formed in 1974 and dissolved because the tenants became very laxed and stoped attending meetings. Ms. Hopkins, vice president of former association requested that we choose this site for crime prevention because the Department of Social Service is located aacross the street from the the building, which attracts undersirables and criminal elements, making the residents of the immediate block a target for rapes, burglary and muggers.

We distributed fliers to all tenants explaining our program and requested a meeting with them. The response was great. We reorganized the tenant Association, organized tenant patrol and floor captains. The tenants participated in beautification of buildings for the holidays. Since some tenants have join the Block Association from September 1978 to date only two robberies occured in the building. We are in the process of meeting with the landlord (Mr. Altman) to present three estimates for new doors and intercoms.

449 East 185th STREET: My co-worker Mr. Gonzalez and I became involved with above building through a Senior Citizen, Mrs. Margaret Snelling, who was robbed of her possessions. During intake, she informed us that the building was owned by the City of New York. We visited all twenty-four (24) apartments, and informed each tenant of our program and how we can assist them in organizing.

Through home visits, conversations and fliers, tenants refused to respond or cooperate. A letter was written to Mr. Sckeller, Department of Real Property manager for above building, and copy to commissioner of Housing Mr Leventhol informing them of problems that exist in the building, such as no front doors to the building and open vacant apartments, tenants are being expose to all types of

criminal elements.

The boiler operates, but the city's failure to deliver coals for heat and hot water, tenants lives are in danger because superintendent fires the boiler with wood and uses gasoline to start the fire.

Also notified local fire department of building problems and to be aware if needed.

We assisted three (3) families in relocating to better and safer housing.

1950 WASHINGTON AVENUE: This building is a thirty-six (36) unit multital dwelling, it is the only building occupied within a two (2) block span on Washington Avenue. The majority of the buildings are torn down or abandoned. The premises is owned by the city of New York. When we made contact with the tenants (34) apartments were occupied and (2) vacant. The tenants were very energetic and willing to cooperate and work together. We organized Tenant Association, Tenant Patrols, Housing Committees, Management training and prepared application and forms for interim lease program. The tenants cooperated and did good for three (3) months. Then some tenants began to get impatient waiting for H.P.D. to do major repairs. I informed Housing Commissioner Levanthal of the slow procdure in helping the teants. I emphazize how the tenants depend on H.P.D. to do major repairs because tenants rents does, not net enough to start repairs that is desperly needed. I explained to him that some tenants will have to move because of the health hazard that exist.

Some tenants requested our assistance in relocating. We referred ten (10) families to other housing accommodations. Some tenants felt it was useless to continue to remain and wait for H. P. D. to decide if any program will be implemented to help them, there fore, their only recourse would be to move.

We continue to work with tenants who remain by;

1. Securing and locking apartments as tenants moved out.
2. Patrolling their building and block.
3. Continued working with H.P.D. to stop deterioration of the building

1974--76 LA FONTAINE AVENUE: The above building is located on LaFontaine Avenue between Tremont Avenue and 178th Street.

The 1974-76 LaFontaine Tenant Corporation is a non-profit Tenant/corporation. The building has forty-eight (48) apartments, which all tenants bought shares.

The building was organized in 1968 and became incorporated in 1973. The project was sponsored by the Settlement Housing Fund, and was the first building in the City to receive a Mitchell Lima moderate rehab funds. The building is tenant owned and managed.

The tenants have managed to install a front gate to keep out burglars and help protect the front doors and intercoms..

We assisted in organizing a tenant patrol within this building also some tenants have join the Block Association and play a very active part in organizing community residents to join the Block Association.

2000 WASHINGTON AVENUE: The above building is located on Washington Avenue between 179th and 178th Streets. It is the only multipal dwelling on the block surrounded by vacant lots due to abandonment. The building consists of thirty two (32) apartments and is privetly owned. Due to the high cost of fuel and maintenance, services started to detorate and tenants who resided in the building for years moved out.

Mrs. Powell lived in the building for nineteen (19) years and had organized the tenant association in 1973. The association had been inactive for one (1) year and Mrs. Powell requested our assistance in reorganizing the tenant association. Several meetings was called and fliers were distributed informing the tenants of our intensions of working with them and educating them on Crime Prevention. No interest was shown on their behalf. We informed all tenants to contact our office if anyone needed assistance. Also contact landlord, Mr. Muslin who will do repairs if the tenants pay the rents.

1991-1993 BATHGATE AVENUE. 2068, 72, 78 BATHGATE AVENUE: Assisted co-workers with technical assistance in management, record keeping, intrim lease preparation and apartment repairs.

1985 BATHGATE AVENUE: The above mention building is a fifty (50) unit multipal dwelling. It is fully occupied and privately owned and managed. The landlord does repairs when he is forced to. Due to the large percentage of welfare receipents which is eighty-five percent (85%), working tenants ten percent (10%) and social security five percent (5%), there is a strong lack of interest and concern. The majority of the tenants show no initiave and seem to care less what happens in the building or on the block.

I have tried to reach the tenants through five (5) tenant meetings, three (3) visits to the building knocking on doors and distributing information, informing the tenants the importance of organizing. I assist a senior citizen (tenant) who was beat up by teen ages who resides in the building.

We will continue trying to reach the tenants through a team effort

685 EAST 183rd STREET; 684 EAST 189th STREET, 2247 HUGHES AVENUE: I visited these buildings to assist in organizing. I was informed by the tenants that the Crotona Community Coalition had organized the building and is collecting rents and doing major repairs.

The buildings are fully occupied and well kept.

2170 HUGHES AVENUE: 2466 MARION AVENUE: Visited these buildings which was taken from a list of City owned building in need of organizing and repairs. Due to the neglect and slow procdure of the department of Real Property H.P.D., the buildings are abandoned.

Written by Ms. Tena Davis, Community resident and one (1) of four (4) Anti-Crime Tenant Facilitators.

Most tenants visited our program seeking various aspects of help. Due to neglect and lack of concern from the Department of Real Property Management, private landlords and certain tenants, lives of other tenants were in jeopardy. Through organizing for safety, vacant apartments were locked to prevent arson, and keep out the would be muggers, rapists, squatters, and burglars. Tenant patrols were formed and front doors locked (when needed) to keep out undesireables and to protect mailboxes from being broken into. Floor captains were also formed to keep tenants on their floors one (1) captain per floor informed of important issues pertaining to building repairs and safety. Through this, next door neighbors became familiar with one another, more concerned and protective of one another. They also became more aware of new people moving in and out of the building. Based on various priorities regarding tenants needs and levels of living standards, certain committees with certain functions were formed among the * tenants in their buildings.

The strategy of "tenant facilitating being injected into this community through our program is:

- 1- Organizing tenants within certain projected buildings
- 2- Educating those tenants on methods of security measures,
- 3- Educating them on their rights as tenants and fighting for demanding those rights in a legal and permissable manner, wherein they will fully understand the laws and procedures of housing on landlord and tenant responsibilities

Of the fifteen (15) buildings under our program's tenant organizing the four (4) particular buildings in which I am working are:

- 1- 495 East 178th Street
- 2- 1950 Washington Avenue
- 3- 1975 La Fontaine Avenue
- 4- 1977 La Fontaine Avenue

1) 495 East 178th Street: The particular building in mention was somewhat organized upon my entering, based on the fact that the tenant are, to a degree, educated and self-supporting. Throughout a series of tenant meetings, a new Tenant Association and Executive Committee was formed wherin an escrow bank

account was opened and I as the secretary began collecting September 78 rents to be deposited. The goal of the Executive Committee was to hold these monies in order to eradicate unpleasant living conditions such as; lack of heat, hot water, major as well as minor repairs, etc.

As of September 1, 1978 notices were posted stating that the City of New York had revoked management of the building due to non-payment of taxes by the landlord. Immediately, a search of records, at the Department of Buildings, went underway by each member of the Executive Committee to find what amount of money in taxes was overdue. At that point, I began contacting several City agencies and programs to ensure that all steps taken by us were indeed correct and legal. My main objective was to work with the landlord toward regaining ownership of the building and continue to work together toward maintaining a wholesome tenant-landlord relationship. I and the tenants got together and formed the following self-explanatory committees for the upkeep of the building, and the welfare of all the tenants;

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| a) Floor Captains | b) Complaints, Repairs, and Housekeeping |
| c) Fund raising and decoration | d) Building Security Committee |
| | (of which I am Chairperson) |

As a body, our tenant association has sponsored fund raising activities such as a dinner sale in the main lobby, wherein approximately five hundred (\$500) was raised and deposited into our account. With some of these funds, a new set of drapes were purchased and hung to the three (3) lobby windows, and we also purchased various ornaments and combined with those donated by the tenants decorated the main lobby and our Christmas Tree for the Christmas holidays.

On September 26, 1979, the landlord regained management of the building, and since then he has sincerely tried to work with us, though there have been a few flaws here and there, but nothing that a unified, determined body of people could not iron out.

My role play as a Tenant Facilitator in 495 was somewhat multi-faceted, wherein I also took on the active role as the Secretary of the Tenant Association and chairperson of the security committee as a concerned tenant. My wife, two children and myself have resided in 495 for the past three years.

The tenant patrol became active, October 23, 1978 for the purpose of supplying an added amount of security to the building. I say added because the building does have an intercom and a locked lobby door, which does serve its purpose, but on a few occasions the cylinder has been destroyed through vandalism and consequently has left the tenants vulnerable to the criminal element which is one area where the tenant patrol has proven itself to be a deterrent of crime.

1950 WASHINGTON AVENUE: 1950 Washington Avenue was chosen by our program due to the physical conditions which had severely deteriorated, and after organizing the tenants, to include the building in the 178th Street Block Association which includes 495 East 178th Street and 1974-76 La Fontaine Avenue which is a building already under tenant management through New York City receivership. As opposed to 495 the tenants in 1950 Washington Avenue were in dire need of education as well as guidance. Through checking the tax records on 1950, it was found that the building was taken in Action 30 by the City of New York on November 15, 1977 and as a result of some form of mix-up in records the office of Real Property Management, H.P.D. was never made aware of the transaction, and the old landlord was still collecting rents. Immediately, the tenants, the old landlord, and the H.P.D. office was notified of the matter. In visiting a Mr. McKenzie at H.P.D. he insisted that they did not have the responsibility of 1950 due to the fact that there was no indication of this anywhere on their records. Being that no headway was made there, I immediately contacted another community organization. The "Crotona Community Coalition" a very resourceful group who has been in existence for some years. In visiting one of their caseworkers, Ms. Josephine A. Perrella, she was able to present me with documented city records that my information on the building was in fact correct, she also assisted me in having certain tenants two (2) party rent checks from Public Assistance converted from the old landlords name over to the Tenant Associations name by forwarding a letter to a Mr. Katz the

director of the Tremont Center (#41) and to a Mr. Burdick at the central office, Department of Social Services. Upon notification of my receipt of proof on the error made by H.P.D. they had no other alternative but to work with and for us in the building in order to prevent us from making the situation a lot more embarrassing and difficult for them, which left me in a position to be able to help more. Through a series of meetings, the voting of a new Executive Board to represent ~~their~~ tenants association and the opening of an escrow bank account resulted. Within a matter of weeks thereafter we had several hallway windows replaced, stairway landings repaired, quite a few emergency oil deliveries and a major overhaul on the boiler. Also some plumbing and plastering work was done in certain apartments. Five (5) floor captains were also appointed. From October 1, 1978 -December 31, 1978 sixteen (16) tenants meetings were held. As of January 1979 under the direction of Mr. Thomas Guess, I was removed from 1950 Washington Avenue.

1975-77 LaFontaine Avenue: The reason for choosing this site to work with was to organize it and have it included in the LaFontaine-Monterey Block Association for the prevention of crime in the neighborhood. Five (5) tenant meetings were held in the building to organize the tenants into a positive, cohesive force. Unfortunately, the attendance was so low at these meetings that it was impossible to organize a tenant association. The importance of an active tenant, as well as, block association was explained to the tenants, yet I did not get much cooperation. The tenants showed a shocking lack of interest by not showing up for the meetings held in the building. Out of forty-seven (47) tenants, only seven (7) tenants attended the entire five (5) tenants meetings.

1981 La Fontaine Avenue: As far back in time as October 1978, several complaints and follow ups were made to various City Agencies regarding the devastating

health hazards surrounding 1981 La Fontaine Avenue, a two year vacant building adjacent to 1975-77 La Fontaine Avenue and directly across the street from 1974-76 La Fontaine Avenue, which are two buildings with which we are working.

Unfortunately throughout the following months nothing was done. With each follow up made our local Planning Board (#6) simply stated the process was in the pipelines.

On Friday May 25, 1979 several phone calls were submitted to the Health Department of Water Resources, the bureau of Pest Control and the Department of Buildings.

The water system in 1981 LaFontaine Avenue has been running constantly for the past two years, and consequently, the building became utterly infested with water rats.

Wednesday, June 13, 1979 a visit was made to the superintendent of 1975-77 La Fontaine avenue who was bitten in the face by such a rat, wherein we obtained a detailed report on the incident and also took pictures.

On Thursday, June 14, 1979 we telephoned Congressman, Robert Garcia's office in Washington a detailed report on the problem was given to his secretary Ms Nelsa Lopez, who in turn contacted those people previously spoken to by our agency. Friday June 15, 1979 we received a phone call from a Mr. Fowler, of the Bureau of Pest Control, informing us that a team of exterminators were on their way to the site. Upon their arrival, they exterminated the entire building (1981 La Fontaine), its surrounding vacant lot, and the basement, as well as some of the apartments in 1975-77 La Fontaine Avenue. Mr. Huggins one of the exterminators, informed me that another visit will be rescheduled for next week. All necessary follow-ups will be made accordingly. Pictures were taken of the exterminating service on June 15, 1979, and will also be taken of the next visit.

SPECIAL REPORT: SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

As of April 1979, became an applicant for the "Smoke Detector Program for Senior Citizens", wherein seniors, if eligible can obtain a free Smoke Alarm from our program. My hopes of joining this life saving war against arson involved the entire Tremont/Fordham area, in which we are based, but in meeting with Lt. Alvin E. Barksdale on April 6, 1979, he suggested that our program not only serve as an outlet for the Tremont/Fordham area but for Planning Board Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9, which encompasses the entire South Bronx, which Mr. Shaw, our Project Director, was highly enthused with. On April 18, 1979 Lt. Barksdale delivered a Smoke Alarm for my use as a demonstration when providing intake on Seniors. With the help of our Youth Organizer, nine (9) of our youth underwent a training session for the purpose of installation services, which was administered by Lt. Barksdale. Our first delivery of Smoke Alarms was on July 3, 1970. Through our youths being sent out to install these alarms, it has become evident that it has tied the intergenerational relationships between youths and seniors a little closer, thus we have combatted crime from two different angles at once. Through the cooperation and efforts of a fellow tenant facilitator, we started receiving referrals for this service directly from the Hon. Howard F. Trussel (Civil Court Judge-Tenant-Landlord Court Part 17E) and we plan to continue this working relationship on a constant basis, especially with winter ahead of us, when seniors are more prone to the tragedy of fire through the extended use of electric heaters, gas stoves, etc. for heating purposes. Thus far we have received ninety (90) referrals from Judge Trussel of which thirteen (13) have received theirs due to the fact that we had a list of approximately thirty (30) names prior to his making referrals. As one delivery of alarms total forty-eight (48), a large portion of seniors will be carried over to the next shipment of alarms.

One of the youths who were trained for installation, visited the William Hodson Senior Citizen Center on July 2, 9, 16, and 23th during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p. m. to provide registration services for this program wherein we registered twenty-one (21) seniors to receive an Alarm in their homes. We will eventually do the same in other senior citizen centers in the area. Of the forty-eight (48) alarms first delivered, thirty (30) of them have been installed. Now that the Summer Youth Corp. jobs are completed, we will begin to resume installation as of October 1979.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.ATTENDED DURING YEAR IAUGUST 14-31 1978--INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAM TO THE COMMUNITY:

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| 1) Fliers to residents | 3) Letters to Senior Citizens |
| 2) Newsletters to Merchants | 4) Signs to the Entire Community |
- a) The staff separated into pairs to introduce themselves to the merchants personally.
- b) Visited several (buildings) posting and sliding fliers under tenant's doors when access to buildings was available.
- c) Assisted in writing an advertisement for the Bronx Press and Amsterdam News. We reached approximately one thousand (1,000) residents and three to four hundred (300-400) merchants.
- D) Assisted in drafting form letters to be sent to:
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| 1) Local Schools, | 3) Community Based Agencies |
| 2) Local Churches | Local Police Precincts |
- 5) Local Day Care Centers

SEPTEMBER 5-30 1978; Arranged and organized program for Senior Citizens during

"Senior Citizens Crime Prevention Week" 9/11-15/78.

a) Assisted in escorting approximately fifteen - twenty (15-20) seniors to the Mayor's kick off at City Hall by bus which was donated by SCAN (Senior Citizen Anti-Crime Network)

b) Arranged and organized an event where a Mr. Paul Fannigan of S.C.A.N. spoke to the seniors on various methods of home security and the judicial system.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1979; Conference with the Directors of all six (6) local Day Care Centers to explain, in full detail, the services available under our program.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1978; Training session with Ms. Julia Singham - Center for Community Change out of Washington D. C. Ms. Singham gave a lecture on what her role/job consisted of in relation to our program. Also received projections for all three (3) components, also advised in her opinion, how each component could better meet their goals within the set time limits.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1978, Town Hall Meeting- Centered around our guest visitor, Ms. Julia Singham. Special invited guests were:

- 1) Elected Politicians
- 2) Community Leaders
- 3) Residents and Merchants

OCTOBER 6, 1978 Public assistance office on Monterey Avenue, to meet with a representative in the "housing" section re: some of the tenants rent payments in 1950 Washington Avenue.

OCTOBER 12, 1978 Department of Real Property Management; to discuss possibilities of the "1950 Washington Avenue tenants association taking over management of this building.

OCTOBER 17, 1978 1950 Washington Avenue: to meet with representatives of the "Westchester Urban Renewal" H.P.D.

OCTOBER 18, 1978; Main Office for H.P.D. 100 Gold Street: to meet with a Mr. Rufus Harvey to discuss 1950 Washington Avenue going into the Interim Lease Agreement with the City of New York.

OCTOBER 2 and 3, 1978; Two day Seminar: Mr. Roger Hayes of "People's Housing Network" on tenant, parent, and youth organizing.

OCTOBER 21, 1978: Staff Fund Raising, cake sale

OCTOBER 28, 1978. Community Clean-Up campaign. Approximately seventy-five (75) people participated, consisting of Staff, Youth, Parents, Merchants, and Senior Citizens. Pictures were also taken

October 31, 1978: Participated with the tenants of the 495 East 178th Street Tenants Association in bagging and distributing money and candy to the community children for Halloween.

* Spoke with Mr. Shaw, who then was a Youth Organizer, and shared my knowledge of a youth by the name of Anthony R. Wigdon who was very talented in the area of drama. Arranged a meeting for the three of us in my home on Saturday evening, October 28, 1978 to discuss the possibility of an Anti-Crime Dramatics Workshop for which recruitment began the first week of November '78. Based on my experience in arranging taping and disc-jockeying of music, I volunteered as the Co-ordinator of all musical scores for their forthcoming stage plays. Met with the workshop every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 P.M. on a voluntary basis. Four nights per week, including Fridays and Saturdays. Anthony (student director) would meet with me in my home where we would concentrate our efforts on preparing the scripts and musical scores for their plays.

November 4, 1978: Town Hall Meeting at the V.I.P. Program where Governor Hugh Carey was present to speak with and answer questions from the community residents. Afterwards, the staff spoke with him and also took pictures with him along with the 1950 Washington Avenue tenants association who were engaged in a mini-cleanup campaign around their building at that time.

November 21, 1978: Visit from our area manager Ms. Carla Gaskin. Ms Gaskin met with the staff to share the concepts of her offices' evaluation for refunding and what her office expects from us as a grantee agency.

November 29, 1978: Training Session for Youth and Tenant Patrols. Community residents, youths, and staff attended, totalling approximately seventy (70) people. Detective Mooney of the local 48th Precinct was our guest speaker wherein he spoke about the importance of a properly functioning Tenant Patrol. He also gave several safety tips on crime prevention.

December 9, 1978: Staff Fund Raising Cake Sale

December 18, 1978: Drama Workshops' First Performance. The twenty-eight youths who made up the Dramatics Workshop, put on their first production entitled "Our First Quarter" which portrayed what the Anti-Crime Program had accomplished in their first 3-4 months of existence. Approximately, seventy-three (73) people attended such performance, for which I had the pleasure of playing the musical score, as in all of their performances.

December 19, 1978: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies: This event took place in Crotona Park (Arthur and LaFontaine Avenues) from 11:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Local schools, churches, day care centers, residents merchants, and other Community Service Agencies participated. Some of the parochial and day care children came out to hang various ornaments on the tree which they themselves had made. There was a procession at 4:30 P.M. which began in front of Saint Josephs' Church and up Tremont Avenue to the Park. Approximately seventy (70) people marched in the procession, which by the way was police escorted. Upon our arrival in the park, the actual lighting of the tree took place.

December 22, 1978 Drama Workshop performed at Spotford Juvenile Center. The dramatics workshop took their first performance ("Our First Quarter") on the road to the Spotford Juvenile Center, approximately 225 youths both male and

Female attended.

January 9, 1979: Planning Board #6 Meeting and Public Hearing. Re: new budget coming into the community and what possibilities would come along with it for the fiscal year of 1979.

January 17, 1979: Bronx Coalition on City-Owned Housing at Lincoln Hospital Meeting was held for the purpose of voicing and demanding rights as a rent paying tenant residing in City owned housing in the South Bronx. All the leading figure-heads from H.P.D. were present.

March 3, 1979: Block Association meeting

March 15, 1979: Block Association Meeting: Our guest speaker at this meeting was a Ms Lois Harr of the "Northwest Bronx Coalition" who gave several pointers on things which created a successful Block Association in her agency's community.

March 19, 1979: Landlord-Tenant Court: To represent a client of mine from 1975 Bathgate Avenue results of the case were in our favor.

March 24, 1979 Community Clean-Up campaign

March 26, 1979: Block Association Meeting: Met with the "Sanitation Committee" of the Block Association

March 26, 1979: Board of Directors Meeting: Entire staff was present to voice their strong viewpoints as to why Mr. Shaw should be appointed Acting Director, and in time, Project Director of the Anti-Crime Program.

April 5, 1979: Meeting at the New York Catholic Institute: Meeting concentrated on the development of a staff and it's Board of Directors

April 19, 1979 : Block Association "Sanitation Committee" meeting: Our guest speakers at the meeting were-

- 1- Mr. J. Lanard-District 27, Bronx West
- 2- Mr. Nat District 22, Bronx East from the New York City Sanitation Dept.
- 3- Mr. Hector Vasquez of the Community Services Department

May 4, and 5, 1979 - Drama Workshops' first major production, Last of the Talented at V.I.P. Program. Approximately 300 people attended between both nights.

May 10, 1979: Massive outreach of Program Services at The Bronx Zoo. Spoke with those patrons in the zoo and distributed approximately 2,000 fliers on our official letterhead.

May 17-21 1979: Bronx Week, office in the Park. The staff moved their office out into Crotona Park to provide services to public as a means of celebration of Bronx Week, to remind the people that the people within the Bronx, and the borough of the Bronx itself is still alive.

May 22, 1979: Conference at the New York Catholic Institute. Plans evolving around the South Bronx Rehabilitation.

May 24, 1979: Visited the T.I.P. Neighborhood Houses Senior Citizen Center to explain and do intake for the Smoke Detector Program.

June 5, 1979: Economic Development Meeting in the absence of Mr. Sundridge. Meeting's topic was the participation on the part of Planning Board #6 in the modernization of the Tremont/Fordham Area.

June 6, 1979 Youth Training Session for the Smoke Detector program, administered by Lt. Barksdale. Nine (9) of our youths were present for the training.

June 7, 1979: Meeting with Ms. Jerry Lamb of C.D.A. (Community Development Agency) Reg: Reconstruction of the Anti-Poverty Program and the upcoming elections for the Area Policy Boards.

June 31, 1979: Visited the "William Hodson Senior Citizen Center" to explain the "Smoke Detector Program" D) Chaired a Youth Staff rap session, in hopes

of ironing out some of the gripes, if any at all, of some of the programs youth. Also took ideas from the youths on how we as a team, (staff and youth) can further enhance the functions of the program.

July 9 to 13, 1979: Attended a five day training workshop (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) on Housing Laws inside and outside of the Judicial System. Upon completion of this workshop, I recieved a 'Certificate of Achievement' certifying my abilities as a Lav Advocate. Some important areas of advocating taught at this workshop were:

- 1) Initial interviewing of clients
- 2) Identification of Housing Problems
- 3) Agencies for complaints, and their procedures
- 4) Legal Resources and Recourses
- 5) Community Organizing
- 6) Legal Terminology
- 7) Understanding Law
- 8) Role Play
- 9) Advocacy
- 10) Limits of Lav Advocacy
- 11) Professional Responsibility
- 12) Various Legal Documents and their purpose
- 13) Various Housing their rules and regulations, eligibility requirements, and how their rents are determined
- 14) Problems in housing with codes and articles as answers

July 17th and 18th 1979: Two Day Seminar with Father Earl Neal of the Coalition For Human Needs. The Seminar was on Proposal Writing. Two days after the seminar, began writing a proposal which will be submitted to the

Coalition of Human Needs during the month of October 1979.

July 23 1979 Installation of Smoke Alarms began.

July 14, Dramatics workshop took their first major production "Last of the Talented" on the road to the Forest Houses on 161st Street in the Bronx. We held the performance in the Project Community Center wherein approximately one hundred (100) people attended.

BUILDING STATISTICS

1) 495 EAST 178th STREET (SIX STORY MULTIPLE DWELLING)

495 is located on the left hand corner of 178th street going East and the right hand corner of Bathgate Avenue going south, geographically, it is on a block by itself and has a vacant lot in its background. At present, it is fully occupied and predominantly occupied by senior citizens. One of its fifty-four apartments is occupied by a Dr. C. H. Davidson, a dentist. The doctors office is an element of life, activity, and convenience to the community and tenants in 495. Economically, he is also convenient wherein he accepts medicaid, which is largely used in this community. 495 is also one of the last elevated buildings in its area.

2) 1950 WASHINGTON AVENUE: (SIX STORY TENAMENT)

1950 is located on the left hand corner of 178th street going west, and the left hand corner of Washington Avenue going south. Though several physical conditions have rottened the building is soundly structured with thirth-six (36) apartments. As opposed to 495, 1950 is 80% youth occupied. Approximately ten (10) of them were part of the Anti-Crime Dramatics Workshop.

3) 1975-77 LA FONTAINE AVENUE

1975 -77 is located mid-way on the right hand side of La Fontaine Avenue going south,

between East 178th Street and East Tremont Avenue. There are twenty-five (25) apartments on either side totalling fifty (50) apartments. In essence 1975-77 is two buildings joined by and sharing the same courtyard. 1975-77 is well mixed percentage wise when it comes to youth, seniors, etc. It is covered by a vacant lot in its background and a vacant building (1981 La Fontaine Avenue) on its left. At present it is fully occupied.

WRITTEN BY RODNEY SMITH, COMMUNITY RESIDENT AND ONE (1) OF FOUR (4) ANTI_CRIME
TENANT FACILITATORS

YEARLY REPORT

PARENT ORGANIZER

The need to form a solid dependable parents association who have the expertise and concern to reach out to other parents has existed for quite sometime.

The Tremont Concerned parents association is designed to bring the parents of the community into a positive cohesive force. This association is formed with parents who live in the community and understand the needs of the community. They are concerned parents who are interest in their welfare and the welfare of others. This association help parents to help themselves to become more involved with concerns which affect themselves and their families I helped educate parents on Crime Prevention and community awareness.

We have had on-going meetings every other week also speakers on Crime Prevention education etc., to help parents, and tell them how important it is for them to become involved.

We have had elections of officers for the concerned parent association. These parents have taken over and implemented the committees with our guide and expertise. They are working very hard to build a strong association in the community. I worked with the Day Care Center, Schools etc. to get more parents involved in the concern parents association. I have been attending meetings namely:

1) Tenants Meetings, 2) Block associations etc. When I attended these meetings I took fliers, posters, letters to release information on meetings, working as I have spoken to parents individually, and since I have been working with the parents we have reached more than four to five hundred parents.

My job as a parent organizer is to reach parents and help educate them. Mr. Bundridge and I worked together as parent organizers from September 1978 to May 1979 we tried to contact as many parents as possible through schools, Day Care Centers, Institutions, Churches, etc. We made fliers and posters explaining our job as parent organizers, then we distribute them to different places in our community. We worked with many day care centers and schools in district nine and ten. We revisited these center, Bathgate Day Care Center, Washington Avenue Day Care Center, Monterey Day Care Center, East Tremont Day Care Center, Bronx, Action Day Care Center and Trinity Day Care Center. Schools; St. Joseph's Elementary School, C.E.S. 236, P. S. 59, Bilingual School 211, C. E. S. 58, and J.H.S. 118. We also visited churches and other institutions to speak to the directors , principals, ministers etc. We would find out when there was a P. A. meeting then we attended the meetings and spoke to the parents. Through these meetings it gave us a chance to advertise our program and try to get more parents involved in community activities and school projects. We also planned workshops and many activities for parents. We made fliers and posters and took them to the day care center, schools etc., so parents could be aware of the different activities we had planned. We made progress with some parents through these meetings and workshops. As parent organizers we spoke to parents and explained how important it is to become involved in school activities and their childrens interest, their involvement with school work, and their teachers. Parents must be aware of their childrens needs. We know that parents are very important to themselves, their family and their community. We have and will continue working to help them and to better their needs in our community.

In the very beginning of our Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program. We began training sessions for six weeks., two weeks was orientations with Mr. Guess who was director. We all were introduced and got acquainted.

The staff started exchanging ideas with each other and compiled our ideas together to share information that the community would benefit from. We make

posters, fliers, letters etc. to advertise our program. We walked for weeks distributing and releasing information concerning our community agency. We walked in pairs from Tremont and Webster Avenue to Southern Blvd, to Fordham Road . We also covered the Crossbronx expressway area. We covered the entire Tremont area going into apartment buildings, merchants, banks, schools, day care centers, agencies, institutions, churches and community residents homes. We also posted the posters and fliers. In August 1978 Mr. Hollie Shaw, one of our staff, came in to discuss the program with us. He gave us his opinion and what he thought of the new community program. He stated the program is great and is much needed in the Tremont area, he also stated that people needed to know about the different services we offered. I worked with Mr. Shaw one day and found him to be a very good worker and would be a dynamic youth organizer. He distributed fliers, posters and letters and posted them in buildings, community residents, and merchants etc. It was a pleasure working with Mr. Shaw. We all worked very well together, we really did not know or understand what each of us were supposed to do, until later in the program. We did not get our job description until three or four months later, however; the program ran smoothly. We began getting many people in the community that needed our help. We started with the senior citizens from Tremont Senior Citizen Center, 1946 Bathgate Avenue. We interviewed many seniors in the center, and we got to know them very well. They are very special to us and our Anti-Crime program. There were times when we and staff went through some rough times, but we are very happy we made it over. I can say we have one of the best community agency in the Tremont/Fordham area.

When Mr. Shaw, became project director in March everything began falling in place like it should have been. We also started going in the field more often, that helped our program tremendously.

OCTOBER: We sponsored a special program called "Getting to know you", this program involved parents, seniors and youth. It was given to bring people together, especially seniors and youth. We had very good participation from everyone, this event helped to close the gap among adults, seniors and youth.

We also sponsored a bake sale. This bake sale was to invite parents. Parents made cakes, pies and gave donations. They really supported this activity, it gave each parent a chance to get acquainted with each other. We had a very good participation from parents, seniors and youth as well.

Since we have been in existence we have reached more than four to five hundred parents in this community, we have assisted many with referrals to other agencies for jobs assist with day care, school problems, G. E. D., welfare and inform parents of services they did not know about. Parents have also volunteered their services to help us in whatever service we needed. We assist senior citizens with transportation in the Tremont/Fordham area. We worked with six senior citizens centers in the area, we assisted them on the following : escort to court, banks, shopping, to and from centers, made referrals to social worker (Mrs. Wells) escort them to food stamp centers etc.

Mr. Bundridge and I sponsored a Halloween party for the younger children and the youth. We gave each day care center halloween candy which was donated by some of the merchants in the Tremont area. The Halloween party for the community children, was given at St. Joseph's lunch room 1946 Bathgate Avenue there were one hundred or more children present. It was really exciting for all of the children. They played games, had dance contest etc. this activity gave all the children a chance to get acquainted with one another. This activity was under Crime Prevention because the children were not in the street.

NOVEMBER: We sponsored another Crime Prevention workshop, with three speakers 1) Judge Bacon, who spoke on child abuse, 2) Dr. Robert Williams, who is a family doctor and spoke on health and nutrition, and 3) Linda Caoogan,

childbirth educator, who spoke on lamaze method and birth can be a family experience and very educational. This workshop was called "Project Alert Workshop," a speaker expressed themselves so that parents could understand what they were talking about. After each speaker parents were given a chance to ask question. The workshop helped all of us in many ways, we learned many things we were unaware of. This was a very helpful educational and crime prevention workshop. It gave parents a greater understanding and better confidence in themselves, their families and community people to improve Crime Prevention. Mr. Bundridge and I had called a few concerned parents meetings, these meetings were mainly to discuss the need to form a concerned parents association in our community. In these meetings parents got acquainted with each other, and familiar with our program, and the parent organizers. Parents were given the chance to express themselves and their ideas and what they would like to do to better the needs of the community and improve crime prevention.

DECEMBER: The Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program sponsored a christmas tree lighting in our community park Crotona Park, (Tremont and Crotona Avenues) We invited all community residents, various other agencies, institutions and guests. This activity was one of the most experimental and rewarding activity we ever had in this community. It was the first time any community agency ever had a program in the park. The main idea of this activity was to give the park back to the people. This was crime prevention because it brought a lot of people out of the streets. We had very good participation from every one in the community. It was an affair people will never forget. We had a special guest Mrs. Carla Gaskin from L.E.A.A. in Washington D. C., she thought the activity was terrific. On December the 9, 1978 we also sponsored a second bake sale. Parents, seniors and youth participated. Parents made cakes, pies and volunteered their time to help us sell them. We also met new parents, who were invited to come in and join the Concerned Parents Association.

JANUARY: Mr. Bundridge and I had a concern parents meeting this was the largest meeting we ever had. There were fifteen parents presents, we dicussed many things namely: 1- the need for parent involvement in the community 2- how important it is for parents to work together in unity and become a strong body. In January on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, Mr. Shaw, many of our youth, and I went to a memorial dedication service in his honor. A number of ministers from all over participated in the service. The service took place in Brooklyn at Rev. Herbert Daugherty's Church. The service was really inspiring to all of us, it gave us faith and courage to go on.

FEBRUARY: Mr. Bundridge and I had another parents meeting, we discussed the power that a strong concern parents association can have, and the urgent need fo r parents to get together and implement activities to arouse, educate and activate parents to become more concerned and involved. There were many suggestions made by parents to get more parents to come to our meetings. Namely 1) have baby sitting available in another room for parents 2) visit the schools and day care centers We have been meeting parents when they bring their children to the day care centers in the mornings, and also met with them in the evening when they pick-up there children. February was Black History month, Mr. Bundridge and I sponsored two programs, surrounding Black Heritage I, we had a program for senior citizens and Parents of the community. We borrowed a film from New York Telephone Company, this film dealt with myths and realities of Block Heritage through the years. We had a speaker Ms. Annie Jackson, who is the Coordinator of Education from district twelve. She spoke on Block Heritage, the pride which many people have lost, she also invited and advised the audience to use the many services that are open to them in the Community, such as the Heritage Museum in the neighborhood. This program was very educational and helpful to all of us.

MARCH: We the Parents had a speaker at our meeting, Mrs. Martinez from the division of the Department of Social Services. She spoke on Food stamps. Many Parents were concerned about the changes of food stamps eligibility. Ms. Martinez clasified the eligibility requirements and explained to the parents how to calculate their eligiblility. Ms Martinez shared information that was very helpful to our parents.

We also elected officers for our Concerned Parents Association, they are as follows: President- Ms. Linda Smith

Vice President- Ms Maggie Kimble

Secretary- Ms Loreenne Burton

Each one of these parents volunteered to hold an office in the Concerned Parents Association. The duties of these officers are to carry out the responsibilities of setting up meeting and committees. We have been recruiting parents through Day Care Centers, schools, Churches etc. The Concerned Parents have really been active in different activities in the community and have volunteered their services.

APRIL: We sponsored an activity for the seniors. A fashion show called "Old is Beautiful", this activity was given to bring seniors citizens together from different centers and to bridge intergeneration among seniors and youth. These were young ladies from Jane Adams High School who participated with the seniors. They made old clothes into new. They helped dress the seniors on the day of the fashion show. These young ladies under direction of Mrs. Eva Daniels were terrific. Each Senior Citizen Center we work with participated namely the Tremont Senior Citizen Center, William Hodgeson, Mount Carmel and T.I.P. Neighborhood.

Mr. Bundridge and I have made contacts and attended many meetings, workshops and programs to other agencies and institutions in the community. Namely, The Department of Social Service, Planning Board Six (6), Phoenix House, Tenant Meetings, Block Association etc.

MAY: Mr. Bundridge and I met with the Parents for a meeting, this was the last meeting for Mr. Bundridge as Parent Organizer because he became the Youth Organizer. Many things were discussed namely sharing information with each other, different activities for parents and the community, we discuss the disco sponsored by the Anti-Crime Program coming up in June, School problems, Parent problems, etc.

The Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Staff sponsored an activity in the community park, Tremont and Authur Avenue. We took the office to the park to celebrate Bronx week tables were set up hoasting various community agencies with information for the community residents namely Community Relations of the 48th Precinct, Planning Board Six (6), V.I.P. Drug Free Program, Schools, Day Care Centers etc. Also a table set up for voters registration, we registered about thirty or more people that day. There was participation from various groups, institutions and we also had invited guest, live entertainment was supplied from other community groups such as V.I.P., Drama workshop from Anti-Crime and the dance class, etc. It was a crime prevention activity as it brought people together and off the streets. The park was also entilized with community residents.

JUNE: The community council anti-crime staff sponsored an activity which was a disco this activity was given to enhance our program and to have community involvement. This was also a fund raising activity. There was a turn out of about one hundred people which included community residents and various agencies. The affair gave people a chance to get acquainted in a social way and meet there peers. In June I had a meeting with the concered parents in which we discussed many things namely.

- 1- Involvement in community activites
- 2- Parents activities
- 3- School activities
- 4- Workshops for parents etc.
- 5- Discussion on Family Picnic

July: The concerned parents and I went on a family picnic this picnic was planned to bring families closer together, better understanding between the

generation gap and possibly reduced the negative attitudes which exist between youth and parents. This activity was one of the best one brought into the community as it pleased both youth and parents, and we were able to use the community park (Echo Park). Also in July some of the parents met at my home for a social gathering.

AUGUST: The Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Staff sponsored a crime prevention Award's Night. The program was given to commemorate our first year of the Tremont Anti-Crime Program, and to present award's to dedicated community people for their services. This activity took place in our community at St. Joseph's Church hall 1948 Washington Avenue. There were about two hundred or more invitations sent out to community agencies, institutions, schools, day care center, and out of towners. The participation was gratifying not only did the community people turn out but so did the politition, police dept., merchants, etc. Our concerned parents really were terrific they volunteered to serve through the night they were very helpful to our program. This was a crime prevention activity. This affair was special for us the Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Staff and our director it was a magnificient and rewarding for each and every one of us, because it showed us that people realized the good work we were doing in the community. It gave us encouragement to continue doing big and better thing.

In August I scheduled a workshop on sickle cell anemia, it had to be cancelled due to a mix up on the address. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

SEPTEMBER: Since school began I have visited a couple of schools, St. Joseph's elementary school, Junior High School 118,. One of our youth in the program named Jenell took letters to some of the day care director to be mailed to parents who's children graduated from day care last year. I will be taking letters to the rest of the day care center, and visting other schools in the future.

September 29, 1979 The Tremont community council block association and the

concerned parents will be sponsoring a Block Ethnic Festival, this activity will be given for community involvement from community residents various agencies, etc. There will be live entertainment from community people, and outside participants. The Block Associations will have tables and materials, asking for members to join the association. The Tremont Concerned parents association will also be asking for members to join them. We are expecting a good turn out for this crime prevention activity for the community.

Written by Ms. Helen Jones a community resident and the Parent Organizer for the Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program.

INTAKE PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

YEARLY REPORT

Being employed by the Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program has opened up my awareness of the required work it takes to maintain the safety, concern and growth of a community.

My duties first required answering the phones, I was what you would consider a switchboard operator. This aspect of my job enabled me to become familiar with many of the youth who are active in our program, clients of tenant facilitators, parents who are a part of our concerned parents association and senior citizens who deal with the center on a daily basis.

Keeping files up to date is another aspect of my responsibilities. The Tremont Community Anti-Crime Program has a great deal of varied clientele, therefore; it is absolutely essential that every service we provide whether it be transporting the drama or dance groups to a performance or escort service for senior citizens. Every transaction and provided service must be recorded for up to date records.

Another area of my job in which I have indeed excelled in is my typing abilities. When I first came to Anti-crime I was typing from twenty to thirty (20-30) words per minute. Due to the opportunity I have been given to advance my ambition and assertiveness has improved my accuracy and speed to the point where improvement is obvious, needless to say I will continue to do so.

It has not been until the last couple of months that I have been assigned assisting Mr. Thomas in the Victim Witness component for Senior Citizens in the program. This is a service provided to those senior citizens who have been victimized by some form of physical violence or other condition by criminals. There is a formal procedure which must be followed in order for the needs of those unfortunate mishaps to be met. When a senior citizen has been badly beaten, robbed or mugged, it is our utmost concern to see to it that they are assisted financially, relocated if necessary repair or replacement of damaged goods and that they receive counselling.

Every aspect of my job is important to me. I feel that I have grown to realize exactly what it takes to be a successful part of a community which is not only aware of its fears, crimes and problems but has access to a program specially devised to satisfy its community and takes advantage of the services provided to make them feel safe and in a comfortable state of mind. Performing the functions that I do has enabled me to relate to youth as well as senior citizens and parents on a conscientious level of creativity as well as need. Their concern as well as interest has enthused me in my ability to provide as much as I can for as long as I can to secure the safety as well as growth of their community.

Employment with Anti-Crime has increased my perception along with cognition for greater understanding of community anti-crime and the roles each of us can play in rebuilding and stabilizing our community.

Written by Deborah Husband

DRIVERS YEARLY REPORT

FROM DECEMBER 1978 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1979

I was hired on a part-time basis as a driver for the Tremont Community Council Anti-Crime Program working thirty (30) hours a week. I worked from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. a total of five and a half (5½) hours per day. A total of twenty-seven and a half (27½) hours a week, to make up the difference of two and a half hours (2½) I worked on Saturdays and Sundays transporting Senior Citizens to church. In the month of March 1979 I then became a full time employee.

Since I started working my duties as Driver of the Mini-Bus or Car which ever I am assigned on a given day was as follows:

SENIOR CITIZENS

I usually pick up seniors at eleven o'clock in the morning and take them to the Senior Citizens Centers, around three o'clock in the afternoon I would make the return trip taking them home. The average monthly run for this service is about three hundred (300) going to the centers and about three hundred (300) on the return trip. I also transport senior citizens to the Social Security office, doctors office, bank, etc., and any scheduled trips that have been routed for transportation service. These trips average about sixteen (16) to twenty (20) trips per month.

DAY CARE CENTERS:

Regarding Day Care Centers I have taken the children from said Day Care Centers to recreational and educational events, such as the zoo, puppet shows, museums, downtown to South Street to the Ferry boats etc. During the summer to parks and to the beaches, also during the New York City milk strike

the other driver and myself picked up milk from the milk plant and delivered it to the Washington Day Care Center on a daily basis. We have averaged around four (4) to six (6) trips of this kind a month, transporting between sixteen (16) to seventeen (17) children a trip with one (1) to three (3) adults.

YOUTH SERVICES:

Transportation was also provided for the youth of the Community, the dance group, youth patrol, summer youth program and the drama group etc. We took them to workshops, beaches, parks, sports events (some of these events taking place on Sat. or Sun.). The drama group was transported to different community centers with there equipment and props for there performances, same with the dance group. We took fifteen (15) youth on a camping trip to Weeping Wills upstate New York. We have taken grade school children from St. Josephs', P. S. 59, high school youths from Jane Adams, Clinton and a few other schools in the area during the year to different events with thire teachers. These trips ran on an average of two (2) to three (3) trips a month transporting about fifteen (15) youths and their teacher per trip.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

We of the Tremont Anti-Crime Program also provided transportation to a few agencies in this area that do not have there own transportation services for example V.I.P., Planing Board #6, Tremont Community Council, Accoutn 59, Tremont Mental Health and many many more. The service provided has been taking them to workshops, beaches, parks in the tri-state area and donferences in and out of New York City. We averaged about four (4) trips per month (more active durning the spring and summer months) transporting about fifteen (15) people round trip.

STAFF

I have taken staff members to workshops, hospitals, outreach, meetings with area merchants, staff and client have been transported to court and then picked up. I have also taken them to Con Edison, the telephone company, have picked up materials for the office, taken staff to conferences in and out of the city, to the airport, etc., and also any emergencies that arise during the day. These trips average about twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) trips per month.

Between the other driver and myself we have averaged about nine thousand nine hundred and fifty (9,950) miles this year on the mini bus and about three thousand four hundred fifty (3,450) miles on the car.

Written by Mr. Levy White, Community resident and one (1) of two (2) Anti-Crime drivers.

DRIVERS YEARLY REPORT
FROM AUGUST 14, TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1979

SENIOR CITIZENS:

Since the inception of the Tremont Community Council's Anti-Crime Program, I was employed as a driver and one of my duties has been to escort and transport the Senior Citizens to and from the Senior Centers. On a monthly average I transport about three hundred (300) seniors to the centers one way and about three hundred (300) the other way. I also take seniors to the doctors, banks, Social Security office, on shopping trips, and provide court transportation etc. This service runs on an average of about sixty (60) additional senior citizens per month.

DAY CARE CENTERS:

During the milk strike we provided transportation for obtaining milk for the Washington Avenue Day care center on a daily basis for about sixty (60) days. We also took the children to many educational and recreational events for example: to the zoo, puppet shows, museums, etc. and during the summer months to the parks and beaches. We average about eight (8) to ten (10) trips per month with seventeen (17) children and about three (3) adults.

YOUTH SERVICES

In regards to our youth services we provided transportation to the Drama Group, Dance Group, Youth Patrol, and the Summer Youth Program. During the year we took them to workshops, beaches, parks, sports events, (some took place on Saturday or Sundays) there was also a couple of camping trips which took place in upstate New York. The services provided ran on an average of five (5) or seven (7) trips a month with fifteen passengers per trip.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In the area where we are located there are quite a few agencies which do not have their own transportation service and therefore we provide them with this service. We work close in hand with V.I.P., Planning Board # 6, Tremont Community Council, Account 59, Tremont Mental Health Program and many more. We have taken them to different workshops, conferences upstate and in the city, beaches and parks in the summer and any place they have requested. These activities were more active during the summer months which ran an average of about four (4) trips per month transporting about fifteen (15) people.

STAFF:

This is one of my most active duties, staff have been taken to court with their clients, taken to workshops, meetings with the merchants and other community people, conferences, on outreach services and any emergency that should arise during the day or during the month. We also make trips to the printers, lumber yards, etc. These trips average about twenty (20) trips per month.

We have averaged nine thousand eight hundred seventy-six (9,876) miles this year on the Maxi Wagon (van) and about three thousand five hundred (3,500) miles on the car.

Written by Mr. James Rivers, Community resident and one (1) of two (2) Anti-Crime drivers.

SUMMARY

The activities of our community Anti-Crime Program, have added new strengths to community residents and also enhanced stabilization in the neighborhood. Last year alone we had technical assistance involvement for organizing and mobilizing residents in fifteen (15) apartment buildings to secure improved services and maintenance. The residents in these buildings are now frontrunners for implementing change in both management and future building renovation.

Parents have been mobilized through the efforts of our Parent Organizer and there appears to be a much more effective communication wave between Parents and school and equally as important, parent to parent relationship. Both parents and schools have been informed about our Crime Prevention efforts and the need for total community involvement.

Cost effective projects and activities have provided motivation, participation and continued incentive for our community youth. Organized and constructive Crime Prevention Programs have been planned in the community on late evenings and nights, travel to other communities, cultural and recreational exchange to heighten perception and also to afford tutoring opportunities to these young minds who would otherwise not have the chance to be involved in crime free activities. Our youth mobilization has brought about positive work for community betterment, and at the same time we feel very much apart of a "intergenerational marriage" which will ease fear and hostility in our community.

Anti-Crime's involvement is recognized with the Community Economic Development Committee which is a committee developing plans for the

economic revitalization of the area and a strong working relationship has developed between the Tremont Merchant Association which has on going community betterment projects.

We have tried to work very closely with our local community planning board # 6 as a major resource service and for directions. We have shared our ideas with several community agencies and have worked with many programs through combining efforts in Crime Prevention (i.e.) (V.I.P. Drug Free Program, Spofford Juvenile Center,) etc. This involvement allows us to reach the youth who have been in trouble and suggest alternatives to them by availing our service.

Crime Prevention workshops coordinated by the local 48th precinct has been an asset to youth patrol and tenant patrol. Continued working relationship are aimed at demonstrating a more supportive role by both precinct members and residents. A crucial ingredient in effective community crime prevention programs is dialogue, and cooperation with local policemen.

We are a provider agency in Community Crime Prevention without "all" the answers because no program, private or government can succeed alone in the control of crime. We need the total support of informed citizens playing a variety of roles and this can make the difference in detection, prosecution and prevention of crime.

TREMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANTI-CRIME PROGRAM

<u>BUDGET:</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
Personnel.....	\$ 135,756.52	\$ 135,756.52
Fringe Benefits.....	20,037.79	20,037.79
Travel.....	1,885.54	1,885.54
Equipment.....	14,754.31	14,754.31
Supplies.....	3,752.62	3,752.62
Contractual.....	2,905.00	2,905.00
Youth Stipends.....	24,458.37	24,458.37
Rent.....	19,600.00	19,600.00
Other.....	19,088.11	19,088.11
 Total Budget.....	 \$242,238.26	 242,238.26
 BALANCE	 -0-	

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