

## How BSHF helps Individuals

Just who are the individual people helped by the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation? Below are some of the cases which typify the work of the organization.

**Mrs. A** — 33 years old; 11th grade education. Has six children, ages ranging from 8 to 16. Originally purchased home with help of Urban Renewal relocation money. However, was about to lose it due to a long series of reversals. These reversals included the fact that through no fault of hers her income from a job changed drastically. She had been working for a social agency; due to a budget cutback in the agency's funding her salary dropped from \$10,000 a year to \$2,600. In addition, support money she had been receiving from two brothers recently came to an end. One brother, who had been living at her house and paying \$20 a month in rent, moved out; another brother, who had been giving her some money every month, went to school, had to give up his job and could help her no longer. Mrs. A's husband was about to return from Attica with a guarantee of a Kodak job. Income would then be sufficient to meet monthly mortgage payments. BSHF gave a \$1,300 loan to be repaid in 48 consecutive monthly installments, to bring her two mortgages current.

**Mr. and Mrs. B** — He works as a sheet metal worker. Work is seasonal, so over the past three years his weekly salary has averaged \$188.26. Living in a deteriorating neighborhood, which they felt was unsafe in which to bring up their three daughters. BSHF gave a \$800 loan for closing costs on a \$14,000 house.

**Mr. and Mrs. C** — Have ten children, ages ranging from 8 to 19. Mr. C had a series of illnesses and suffered from a physical handicap as a result of a stroke. Was unemployed. He had veteran's disability and Social Security. They were being forced out of the house they were in, which they rented and which was in very poor repair. They were able to get a Sec. 235 loan, but needed and were granted \$150 by BSHF to buy a \$15,200 house.

**Mrs. D** — Separated from her husband after he threatened to shoot her. Was on welfare and raising her nephew's five children. BSHF gave her a grant of \$3,200 to assume mortgage on a house which cost \$8,800. Just recently the house burned down and is a total loss. BSHF has indicated to her that after insurance claims are settled she may reapply for a loan if she wishes to try and purchase another house.

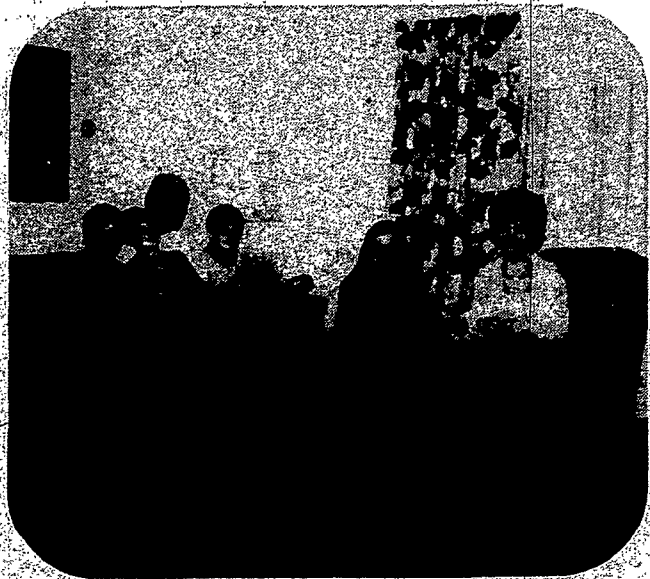
**Mrs. E** — 37 years old. Has five children, ages ranging from 4 to 10. Separated from her husband. Supported herself with no outside help for twelve years with a job at one of the city's hospitals. Then she was in an auto accident, after which she could no longer work full time. Got a part-time job as a community aide at one of the Settlement Houses — salary there for past three years was \$100 a week. She had been renting at a high rent a house in very bad repair. BSHF gave her grant of \$1,000 towards down payment on a \$10,900 house.

**Mrs. F** — 31 years old, 9th grade education. Separated from husband for five years. Has seven children, ages ranging from 6 to 17. Was living in an apartment building which had many code violations and was infested with rats. Was getting enough money from welfare and a part-time job to pay monthly mortgage installment on \$10,800 house, but needed \$2,600 for closing costs and down payment. BSHF gave her grant in that amount.

**NOTE:** All loans given by the BSHF are interest-free loans.



Maple Avenue in Cohocton has been rehabilitated through a \$1,000 grant from Harms of Project Reach which received the grant for the work said that crews ne to insulate, wire, sheet-rock, put in new plumbing and do trim work inside as g on the front and repair the steps. A family is living in the rehabilitated home said perhaps more important was the cooperation engendered among agencies He said that in addition to Reach and the BSHF, the Office of Vocational Livingston County Mainstream, SCEOP, BOCES and Neighborhood Youth Corps helped in the project.



And inside became a home for the Donald Kelly family.



BSHF members visit parishes, speaking to councils, human development committees to explain the work of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation. Here, Len Wiltberger, Mike Watts, and Ruth Blitzer of the BSHF membership committee visit members of the Good Shepherd Human Development Committee at a home in Henrietta.

## Membership

In order to perform its tasks, the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation needs support.

There are two kinds of membership, associate and full. Associate members are individuals or institutions who help the foundation financially. The coupon below explains the various types of associate memberships and how anyone interested can help.

Full membership is limited to persons involved in working committees of the foundation. They are elected to membership by the board of directors, upon recommendation of a nominating committee. Full members are expected to work on activities of the foundation on a volunteer, non-remunerative basis.

If you want to do something to help a needy family to a decent place to live, please clip the coupon below and send to the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation, 750 W. Main St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611.

I would like to become a member of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation.

- Participating — less than \$10
- Contributing — \$10 or more
- Sustaining — \$100 or more
- Benefactor — \$1000 or more

Enclosed is my contribution of \_\_\_\_\_.

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