

Vacant for many years, this house was an eyesore in a good neighborhood on Fitch Avenue in Auburn. Reconstruction included not only all new windows, roof, flooring and siding, but a major restructuring of the foundation.



Repairs to this house enabled a mother and her daughter to move into a home of their own.

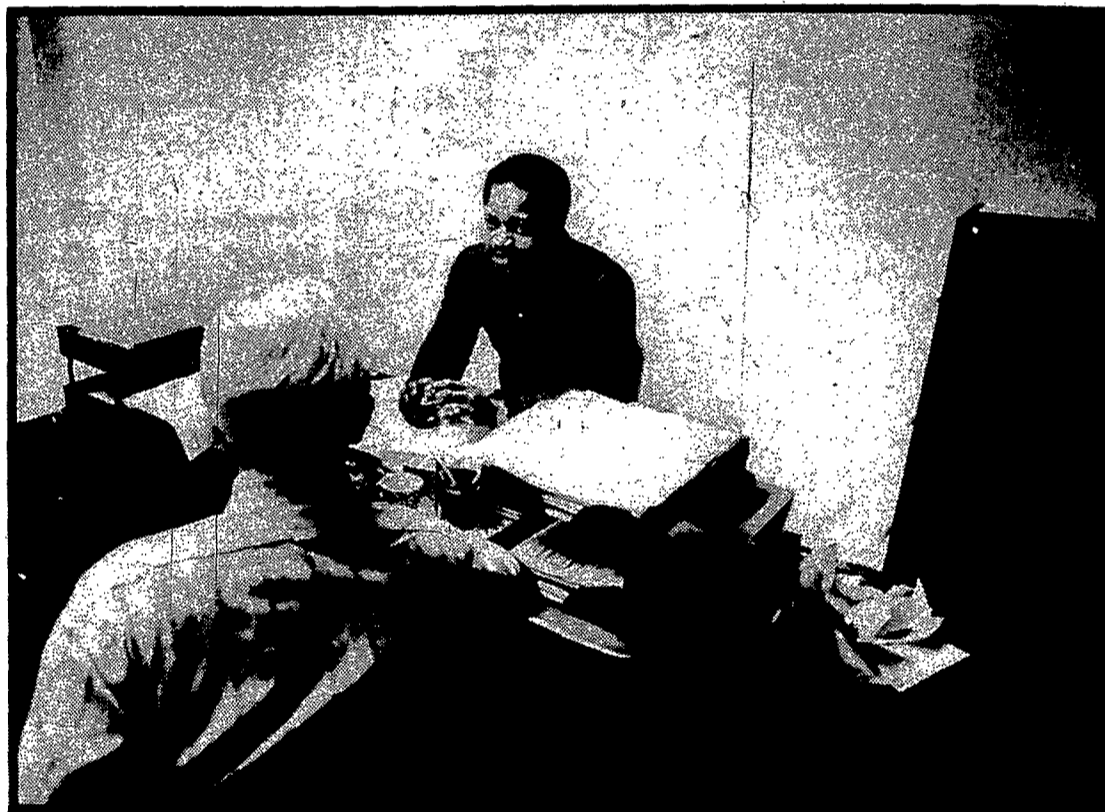
All Year-Round

Three of the organizations that have benefited from Human Development funding are the Auburn Hospitality Center, the Cayuga County Homesite Development Corp., and the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry.

The Auburn Hospitality Center provides services primarily to those coming to the jail to visit inmates. Many relatives need a place to stay while visiting, and couldn't afford the trip to Auburn without assistance. Keith Batman, who runs the center, reports that 50-100 people come into the center each week. The center is located in an old service station opposite the prison.

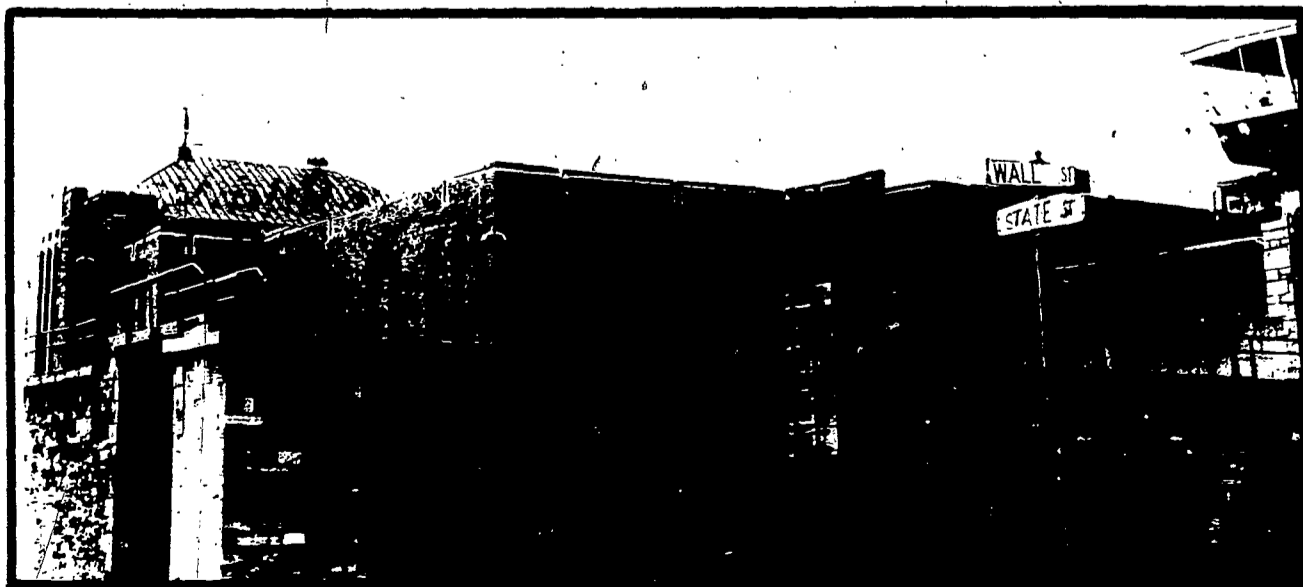
The Cayuga County Homesite Development Corp., run by Barb Lanphear, serves a double purpose. Old, rundown houses in basically good neighborhoods are purchased, repaired, sometimes extensively, and resold for the total of the purchase price and the cost of materials. The other function is to employ untrained, unemployed men; of the 50 who have worked on the construction crews at one time or another, 32 have gone on to better jobs, several into construction trades.

The Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry is an effort designed to provide more than just religious services at the jail. The counseling program is intended to work on many different problems the inmate may have. Volunteers make up the counseling staff.



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Auburn Prison, a maximum security facility.