

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

"Poverty is defined as the lack of adequate food, housing, clothing, medical care and other necessities. According to government figures there were 24.3 million poor Americans in 1974."

So begins section two of an information booklet published by the Campaign for Human Development (CHD).

The campaign for 1976-77 will collect money to "educate the American Community about the reality of poverty," and "to fund self-help poverty groups that affect the root causes of poverty."

Funds raised during CHD are divided between local poverty groups and the national campaign. After 12 per cent of the total is taken for local administrative costs, 25 per cent goes to local funding and 75 per cent is sent to the National Campaign for Human Development.

Last year the Diocese of Rochester raised \$104,567. National CHD received \$69,014; \$33,643 went to local groups and \$12,584 to local administrative costs.

The local money was divided among the 10 regions in the diocese. The amount of money each region receives is decided by the percentage of dollars contributed by that region.

A task force from each region, consisting of five to ten people who have a "good knowledge of the community, and poverty groups that exist in their community," decide how their share of the 24 per cent is spent. There is also a "wild Card Pot" used for special projects. These funds come from "left over money from local monies and some from National monies."

Last year Cayuga-Seneca received \$1965.66. The money was used by the Auburn Area FISH, Inc. for a van that transports the elderly and handicapped; the Cayuga County Council of Senior Citizens, for postage costs of a newsletter and the Cayuga County Action Program which provided assistance to low income persons.

The Monroe County regions combined to fund the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, \$4,400, and \$2,962 went to the Interfaith Resource Center for the Elderly.

Tompkins-Tioga received \$4,612.24. They allotted \$1,500 for the Upstate Community Resource Institute (Ithaca) which is trying to lower the cost of utility rates which affect the poor the most. The remainder of the money will be used for future programs.

Livingston-Steuben received \$2,263.91 which went to the Kinship Group Home. The home keeps young people in a "family setting" rather than an institution for youth in trouble.

Chemung-Schuyler used its allotment (\$1,556.92) for the Chemung County Health Coalition which provides health education and advocates improvement of health services for the poor.

Yates-Ontario-Wayne received \$4,271.76 spent on the Senior Citizens Action Council, the Community Uninvolved Youth Project and the Wayne County Self-Development Center. The Self-Development Center was one of the Wild Card recipients. It provides "counseling, advocacy services, food & low cost clothing, emergency housing and has produced a handbook to assist Social Security recipients."



The Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry (RIJM) office located at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Plymouth Ave. S.



Susan Dollinger, community coordinator of RIJM.



The 75 per cent of the collection that goes to the national headquarters of the Campaign for Human Development goes back to self-help programs across the nation. For instance, one recipient, the National Indian Communications Center is working to create a better community for all Seattle Indians and better understanding among all peoples.

