

DUTIES OF THE WHITE CROSS CENTRE DIRECTOR

The function of our White Cross Centre is to promote social rehabilitation. In effect, our centres are established as community clubs for former patients. Social activity programs are set up to enable the club members to learn to participate socially, to help them form good relationships, and to give them a feeling of acceptance and personal worth.

Presently there are four clubs, one in Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, and Weyburn. It is planned to establish centres in North Battleford and Prince Albert. The duties of the White Cross Centre Director are complex. They include administrative duties - to operate the various centres, to supervise the personnel in the centres and to run the Regina White Cross Centre. Further, the Director is to institute and help formulate policies for our White Cross Centre program.

In addition, our Director will provide guidance and leadership for volunteers who work with the White Cross Centres. The Director will establish liaisons with mental hospitals, with community agencies connected with the rehabilitation of former patients, with various professionals in the mental health field, and with clubs and organizations who are interested and may be willing to work in this program.

Another important duty is the promotion of educational work in the mental health field. This includes a program to make the public aware of our work in social rehabilitation, needs of former patients and of the mentally ill, and generally, an exposition of the philosophies and aims of the Canadian Mental Health Association. This would therefore include some speeches for clubs and community organizations, making reports for newspapers and periodicals.

In addition to the above the White Cross Centre Director will carry out duties that may be assigned from time to time by the Executive Director.