

Nick Begich Memorial Fund for Home

A memorial fund has been established in memory of the late Representative Nick Begich. This memorial is to be utilized in the construction of new residential facilities for Hillcrest Home for Boys of Fairbanks, Alaska. The new building will be a lasting memorial to Nick Begich and the concepts of service he held for Alaskan Youth.

Hillcrest is now the only licensed institutional setting for boys in Northern or Western Alaska. Over the past years, it has served boys from Juneau to Barrow - Tok to Bethel.

This too, is in harmony with the role Mr. Begich played for Alaska, as he was the "lone delegate" to the U.S. House of Representatives and served all of Alaska. It is the concept of this memorial fund to provide a facility that can and will serve youth from all over Alaska.

Lt. Governor H. A. "Red" Boucher has been asked by Mrs. Begich to serve as the Honorary Chairman of this Fund. Mr. Boucher has been a long time supporter of the Home and has often given of his time and talents to assist Hillcrest.

The Begich Memorial has been in the planning stage for several months, but announcement was delayed until after the special election. The memorial honors an "Alaskan" not a member of a political party. It honors the concept of service to people rather than partisan politics.

Hillcrest Home is presently filled to capacity and expanded facilities are urgently needed. In the past two weeks, five (5) youths have been refused admission due to lack of space.

The new facilities must meet all fire safety, sanitation codes and building requirements, so new construction is essential. By building on property now held by Hillcrest, we hope to provide services to an additional twenty (20) youth in an out-of-town setting.

The 160 acres near the University of Alaska Musk Ox Farm will provide ample space for buildings as well as land for hiking, snow machining, a baseball field as well as woods to roam and gain an appreciation of the "Great Land".

Recognizing the need for such a facility, many have sent donations to the Home to achieve this new goal.

Your memorial gift in memory of Nick Begich may be sent to:

The Hillcrest Home for Boys
P.O. Box 915
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701