

A.I. Jaycees—

Alaska Child-Serving

The Anchorage International Jaycees have completed one of their major Alaska child-serving projects funded by their recent "Operation Airlift" campaign at the Jesse Lee Home in suburban Anchorage.

The Jaycees elected to refurbish Cottage I at the Jesse Lee Home as their first major Alaskan project in mid-August. The Jesse Lee Home provides residential treatment services for up to 32 children, ages six to 18, who cannot live in families due to emotional or behavioral problems.

The gift made by the Jaycees came from surplus funds contributed to the "Operation Airlift" campaign they coordinated this past spring that successfully transported 66 infants and children from Vietnam to the United States in the last days of the Vietnam evacuation.

The Chapter voted to use all remaining funds to assist projects serving children in Alaska.

The Jesse Lee Project involved the complete refurbishing of a cottage that provides a home for 10 boys, ages eight through 11.

Chuck May and Barbara Glor served as co-chairpersons for the project; they organized a task force of 22 Jaycees and their wives that coordinated the purchase of new furnishings and scheduling of voluntary labor. The project was completed during a 30-day period in August and September and included: complete interior painting of the Cottage; new living room and dining room furniture, carpeting and drapes; built in beds and new bedding for each bedroom; major appliances for the kitchen and sofas, a color television, and a ping pong table for the recreation room. In addition, the Jaycees supplied small appliances, cookware and dishes for the kitchen, a heavy duty vacuum

cleaner and towels and linens for the entire Cottage. Exterior painting of the Cottage was provided as a voluntary service project by members of the 49th Maintenance Company, Army National Guard.

Brian Winsor, president of the Anchorage International Jaycees, said, "This was a major and enjoyable project for our Chapter. We are impressed with the philosophy of care of the Jesse Lee Home and are pleased that we could renew this Cottage to serve the needs of Alaskan children; we feel that it was money wisely spent. I am even prouder of the 752 hours of voluntary service given by our Chapter members, for it has given us a first hand contact with the Jesse Lee Home staff and a much better understanding of the special needs of children with emotional and behavior problems."

The Jesse Lee Home is one of the five major projects related to Alaska Children's Services (ACS). Founded in 1970 by American Baptists, American Lutherans and United Methodist, ACS has grown to be the state's largest private child and family service agency offering a broad network of services including three group homes for adolescents, comprehensive crisis services for youth in the Anchorage metropolitan area, family counseling and family life education, and rural community organization. Alaska Children's Services is a member agency of the United Way of Anchorage. The involvement of the Anchorage International Jaycees and their special Cottage project were given public recognition during the Jesse Lee Home 85th anniversary observances, held on Oct. 12, 1975.