

Home for Homeless Youths Needs Help

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A community project that would provide a permanent, steady home for homeless youths is being pushed in Fairbanks, and \$40,000 in additional funds are still needed to meet the project's target

deadline next September.

The Hillcrest Home for Boys move in Fairbanks was a slow starter, being first initiated in September, 1958, but last winter a group of Fairbanks citizens got behind the project and started pushing.

Already, income land for the home has been obtained. One-hundred sixty acres on Lawlor Road, near Fairbanks, was acquired from the Bureau of Land Management under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

The land, valued at \$32,000 was obtained by Hillcrest for \$9,000.

However, an original plan to put the home itself in that area was dropped because group leaders felt the location undesirable.

Other assets listed are some household items and furniture now in storage, and a \$3,000 bank account built slowly by membership dues (\$5.00 a year) and donations.

But needed for the home itself is property at 1531 Gilham Way in Fairbanks, which is now under consideration. This will accommodate, members feel, about 8 to 10 boys and personnel to manage the home.

The location will put it close to schools, medical help, and opportunities for part-time work.

Total cost for the lands and the new home will run close to \$40,000 in funds that have not yet been raised.

Local citizens, headed by Rev. William Warren of Fairbanks, pointedly stated that the home would not be a detention or correctional institution, but would merely provide a home for youths who have no place to stay.

It would also provide guidance, counseling and part-time work opportunities for boys, in an attempt to keep them from trouble before trouble starts.