

Hope Cottage Board Sets First Annual 'Walk for Hope' Date

Hope Cottage's board of directors approved plans for a Walk for Hope and proclaimed May 2, 1970 as the first annual Walk for the Children of Hope Day at its Wednesday board meeting.

"We believe that this one Walk will generate sufficient operating cash for Hope Cottage in one activity," Robert J. Halcro, vice chairman of the board and chairman of the Walk for Hope, told the members. "We want to establish this as an annual function for the cottages—as our 'thing,'" he added.

Hope plans to enlist the help of the entire Alaskan community in this project. "We are going to invite some 21 cities and towns to participate," Halcro said.

Inquiries will be soon sent out to the Alaskan communities to inform them of the walk and ask if they would send a walker or team of walkers to represent their town or village May 2.

"In this way, the entire state can help a home that after all, serves children from as diversified places as Anchorage and Bethel, Fairbanks and Sitka," Halcro explained.

Hope's 30 retarded children, mostly native youngsters, face a number of handicaps caused by a variety of illnesses and circumstances. What they all have in common is a need for a home with a family atmosphere and

love.

This is what Hope Cottage provides under its non-profit group foster care plan. Without Hope most of the youngsters would be sent outside the state or to institutions such as API within the state.

Outlining plans for the May 2 fund-raising event, Halcro told his board that a request had been sent to Gov. Keith H. Miller to declare May 2 as Walk for Hope Day.

Other plans include prizes for the youngest and oldest person finishing the 32-mile hike and for the walker who brings in the most pledges.

The amount of money that a walker collects for the children at Hope Cottage will depend on how far he can walk. Each prospective participant will approach his friends, neighbors, and the businessmen in his community to pledge an amount of money for each mile the participant completes.

If the businessman says that he will donate one dollar for every mile the walker hikes before his feet give out, and the walker goes the entire 31-mile course, the businessman pays Hope Cottage \$31, it was explained.

The donation could be more than a dollar or as little as ten cents per mile.

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attention will be available at each of the seven rest stations, Halcro added.

Asked if he expected heavy participation in May, Halcro explained after the meeting that Anchorage and Alaska's young people responded magnificently to the needs of the children in a way-torn African country last spring.

"I'm certain that they will respond even more to the needs of retarded and handicapped children right here in their own state," he said.

Hope Cottage's next board meeting, which is open to the public, will be Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

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To be eligible for a refund, an employee must have worked for

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