

To Build Hospital Unit—**Hope Cottage Acquires Land**

Formal transfer of five acres of land to Hope Cottage took place recently in the offices of Marvin Frankel, President of the Association for Retarded Child-

ren of Anchorage.

Hope plans to build a hospital unit on the property in the near future.

The transferred acreage was

part of a 40-acre tract belonging to ARCA near the intersection of Bragaw Avenue and Northern Lights Boulevard.

The land was leased to the ARCA group almost ten years ago by the state of Alaska with the specification that it be used for the care of retarded individuals.

ARCA voted several months ago to allow the five acres to be cut out for Hope Cottage, Alaska's only home for mentally retarded and multi-handicapped children, but the official paper work took some time to complete, according to Bob Halcro, chairman of the Hope Board.

The transfer was made with the cooperation and aid of the Alaska State Division of Lands.

"Hope is extremely pleased with this much-needed help we have received from ARCA," Halcro said. "We have already begun plans for an intensive care hospital unit for our profoundly retarded children."

"Some \$75,000 of the Work for Hope funds have been set aside especially for the construction of this unit. We hope to be able to offer care to a significant number more Alaskan youngsters with our new facility."

The Hope board is studying several avenues to best utilize the land and construction funds. A master development plan and initial construction dates should be available within the next several weeks, Halcro said.

The arrangements were made through the joint efforts of the Hope Cottage Building Committee, including Joe Armstrong, Mrs. Lee Robertson and Martin Farrell, and the special committee appointed by ARCA, including Frankel, Mrs. Marjorie Frelin and Robert Mothershed.

The formal agreement between the two organizations included the purchase by Hope of a small basemont on the property and the joint responsibility for such items as improvement assessments.



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