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Lack of funds could close Threshold House doors

By Bill Rhoden

Unless drastic financial steps are taken, Threshold House Inc., the only halfway house for women in the State of Maryland will be forced to close its doors.

Since 1970, the private, non profit corporation has provided aide, comfort and security for female ex-prisoners, (90 per cent of whom are black), as well as helping them get into the mainstream of society.

But unless federal or state funds are granted, approximately $54,000 to be exact, the home, located on the second and third floors of the YWCA, 1920 Madison Ave., will shut down by the end of this month.

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Threshold House is operated by money from a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Safe Streets grant channelled through the state Division on Parole and Probation.

That grant will expire Dec. 30.

Additionally, LEAA grants administered by the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice cannot go beyond a three year limit and Threshold is ending its third year.

The question, then, boils down to two points: a will the Commission make an exception for Threshold and extend the funding? and b. if not, what are the alternatives.

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"The Governor's Commission has always steadfastly held to its three-year policy," said a spokesman for the Commission, adding that an extension of funding was "not beyond reality, but is highly unlikely."

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As for point "b," three alternative means of funding are available to Threshold but each has a bit of "red tape" attached.

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The first method involves a $10,000 fee paid to Threshold by the Federal Bureau of Prison. If used, the money would be sufficient enough to keep the home open for January and February.

Red Tape applied by the Commission, however, says those funds are the property of the Commission and that Treshold House must ask permission before using those funds.

Alternative No. 2 is emergency funding from the State Department of Public Works. Unfortuantley, it would take up to a year for Threshold's application of request to get on the agenda, and even then approval is not assured.

The third and most feasible alternative is funding by the Division of Correction, although such funding may initiate a drastic turnabout in Thashold's composition.

Presently, the home takes all women on a volunteer basis.

Some are alcoholics, others are or were drug addits, and still others just need shelter from their environment.

If the Division of Correction takes over, it will probably make the home comparable to pre trial release, thereby limiting the purview of the home.

"It would be an extension of the jail," said James Koch, the Director of Threshold House.

"Naturally, we'll have to go along with it," he continued, "but I'd hate to change things around to satisfy a control factor.

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The home operates with 16 beds and allocates approximately $16.70 per person-per day.

The clientele consists of women between the ages of 18 and 24 years of age who at one time or another have served time.

After the dust is cleared, those are the people who'll be deeper in the hole not politicians or commission member.

"If we have to close down," Koch stated, "they'll have to go back on the street and face the same old problem: not being dealth with."

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Mr. Johnson gets a divorce

George Johnson, 45, 3800 block Cottage Ave., was granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Peola Johnson, 40. The divorce was signed last month by Judge Marshall A. Levin

The couple, married July 3, 1955, has two children. Records state Mr. Johnson says his wife is a fit and proper person to have legal custody of their children. He is paying $25 a week for child support.

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Fire Department tells gas storage warnings

As the fuel crisis deepens and shortages become more commonplace, the Baltimore City Fire Department foresees the development of a problem that it has not faced since World War II.

This situation deals with the extremely dangerous, unsafe and illegal practice of storing large quantities of gasoline in plastic and other occupancies.

Chief Thomas J. Burke wants all citizens of Baltimore City to be aware of the restrictions in the Fire Prevention Code regarding storage of gasoline.

The maximum quantity of gasoline that can be stored inside of any dwelling shall not exceed one gallon; and further, the gasoline must be stored in an approved metal safety can with a spring loaded safety release for pressure build-up.

The storage of quantities of gasoline in plastic and other types of containers in the trunks of automobiles, campers, etc. is extremely dangerous and can cause a disastrous situation in the event of collision, he says.

DEC. 2-8

Mayor Schaefer has proclaimed Dec. 2 through 8 as Associated Catholic Charities Week.

Public notice of state drug abuse plan

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has prepared a State Plan for Drug Abuse and/or Misuse Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Programs for the state of Maryland.

The State Plan will be available for review at the Drug Abuse Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2305 North Charles Street, Baltimore Maryland, or at the office of local county health departments after Dec. 3.

The public is invited to examine the State Plan and to present written comments to the Drug Abuse Administration by Friday, Dec. 28.

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U.S. assures buses they'll get gasoline

Mass Transit emerged as a front line of defense in the battle against the energy crisis with announcement of a new federal fuel allocation regulation which assures transit systems of fuel supplies required to meet local service needs.

The new regulation, handed down by the federal Office of Petroleum Allocation, also includes provisions for making additional fuel available if increases in local ridership develop.

"MTA ridership has been climbing for the past few weeks, Walter J. Addison noted, mass transit administrator, "and we expect a steady rise in patronage as the energy crisis continues to manifest itself, especially if we get into gas rationing or the price of gasoline jumps appreciably."

The newly organized Division of Instruction and Curriculum Management, (DICM) Baltimore City Public Schools, will hold an Open House from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at the divisional offices, Oliver and Eden Streets.

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