Northwest Baltimore Corporation: 10 years of growth

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Mrs. Edna Johnson, executive director of the Northwest Baltimore Corporation (NWBC) heads a private nonprofit organization that is much like the Park Heights Community Corporation but bigger and in many ways different.

The corporation celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1978 and has changed since its birth from a white operated organization to one that is "multi - racial" where blacks head many of its divisions.

Over the past 10 years NWBC has initiated within the community services a Manpower Service Center, a Youth Services Bureau, a Community Day Care Center, the Park - West Health Center, and many others.

The organization has unique responsibilities because it serves not only the Park Heights area, but citizens who reside in northwest Baltimore above Northern Parkway all the way to the city boundaries.

"You might look upon the Northwest Baltimore Corporation as the vehicle that has kept communications open between blacks and whites," Mrs. Johnson said.

"Citizens who reside in the lower part of northwest Baltimore (Park Heights) have certain needs. Then we have people at the other end of our - boundaries with expertise to do a lot of the things they want to do themselves."

Rev. Alan Whitelock, president of NWBC, says he has been involved with the corporation for 10 years, adding that northwest Baltimore "is on the upspring not the downspring."

"I see very constructive things developing," Whitelock said. "I see now schools in the area, new playgrounds, a new hardware store, a new rapid transit system coming through and old delapidated buildings being renovated."

Whitelock said "Originally, most of the people on the board were white" but now the organization is "a mixed multi - racial, multi - social, multi - cultural, multi - economic" group of individuals."

The NWBC's Manpower Service Center prides itself on the number of individuals that are placed in jobs and given training.

Edna Johnson

"We match clients from the area with training programs that are meaningful for blacks," said J. C. Brown, director of the Manpower Center.

Brown said his staff of 17 was able to place 70 persons in the first quarter in direct jobs out of the 139 individuals they attempted to place. In the training program, Brown said, the Manpower group was able to place 125 individuals out of 200 referals.

Another important component of the Northwest Baltimore Corporation is its Day Care Center. It is located in the Bel - Park Tower, a senior citizens high rise.

"We involve the old with the young," says Jean Weaver, director of the Day Care Center. "I think we serve something like 96 families in this immediate community."

Miss Weaver said parents who have children enrolled in the day care center pay according to income. Students from the area schools and Harbor City students come in and work at the center to get on - the - job training.

NWBC's telephone reassurance program has few counterparts among other community organizations, but that does not negate its importance.

Mrs. Margaret S. McDonald, director of the telephone reassurance program, told the AFRO she calls elderly individuals every day to let them know someone cares.

She said many of the elderly individuals she calls on a daily basis will not talk to anyone but her and will often call to tell Mrs. McDonald when they are leaving their homes during the day.

Other components of NWBC include the Park - West Health Center which offers complete medical needs and is staffed by physicians, specialists, nurses and technicians.

Also, the Northwest Baltimore Youth Services division of NWBC is an important component of the organization.

The program, funded by the Juvenile Services Administration, is headed by Mrs. Thelma B. Robinson, project director.

Mrs. Robinson said the program services between 1,200 to 1,300 young persons in the area.

ORGANIZATION STAFF — Members of the Northwest Baltimore Corporation staff include (seated, L to R): Mrs. Sarena B. Jordan, Mayor's representative; Mrs. Edna Johnson, executive director; Mrs. Addie J. Brice, administrative assistant; (standing, L to R): J. C. Brown, director of manpower; Miss Valerie Matthews; Mrs. Margaret S. McDonald, director of telephone reassurance; David Koven, community organizer; William Avery, intern; Mrs. Thelma Robinson, director of youth services; Miss Jean Weaver, director of day care; Miss Iris Lesser and Miss Alesia Brown.

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Son charged in mom's death

Keith Cartwright, 15-year-old Milford Mill High School student has been indicted by a baltimore grand jury for first-degree murder in the death of his mother.

Cartwright, of the 2900 block Essex Road in Woodlawn allegedly killed his mother, Mrs. Alice Burnell Cartwright on April 30 in their home.

Her body was found by a neighbor who noticed that the front door was open around 8 a.m. and become suspicious and entered the Cartwright home.

After the police arrived on the scene, Cartwright returned home from school and said he had been suspended from school. Police report the teenager did not attend school on April 30.

The mother of two sons died of blows to the head and police report the murder weapon was a blunt instrument. She was employed at General Motors Corporation and her son is being held at Baltimore County Jail until trial. Police would not give a motive for the killing.

Thrift shop holding sale

The Nifty Thrifty Shop sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of Bon Secours Hospital will have a half-price sale in June up until June 22 when the shop will close for the summer.

Located at 10 N. Pulaski St., directly across from the main entrance of the hospital, the shop is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The shop handles nearly new clothing for the entire family, household items, toys, novelties and more. The shop is staffed by volunteers with proceeds going to benefit Bon Secours Hospital.

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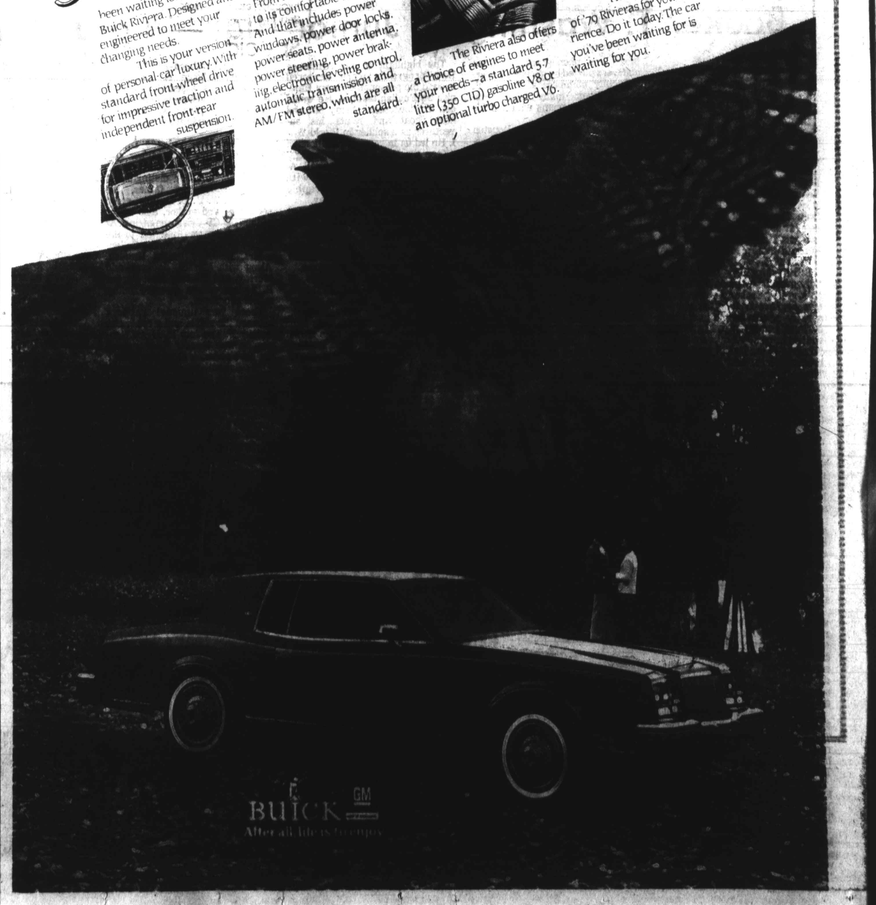

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