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## INDIVIDUAL DONOR GROUP Rhoda "Cookie" Isaacson, One-Woman Donor

Any group that raises money for the AHRC deserves - and gets - the VIP treatment consisting of a picture of the presentation of the check to our President... a listing on the gold Donor Pages of the Dinner Journal plus the heartfelt gratitude of everyone connected with the organizations.

Funds donated by generous groups and individuals are used to help the retarded to a better life with some measure of independence and happiness. AHRC started out hopefully thirteen years ago by claiming that "Retarded Children Can Be Helped." During the past year that slogan has been changed to read "Retarded Children ARE Being Helped." Today we have a different saying - "RETARDED CHILDREN ARE HELPING THEMSELVES!"



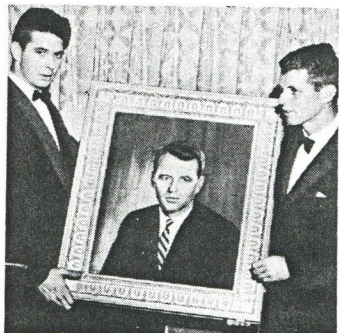
Left to right: Seymour Rubin, Pres. Rhoda Isaacson.

This is the story of Rhoda "Cookie" Isaacson, a trainee at the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop. Rhoda puts in a regular day's work at the shop, then embarks on another full time job, raising money for AHRC. She operates a "boutique". The boutique comprises two shopping bags almost as large as Rhoda, crammed full of gift merchandise from rhinestone pins to leopard-lined umbrellas. Whether you want a leather wallet, perfume atomizer, golden piggy bank or a sardine can opener that really works - Rhoda has it or she'll get it for you.

The slender, ever-smiling young woman bounces into the various offices at 200 Park Avenue South, in spite of the staggering weight of her shopping bags. She shows her wares so enthusiastically that she leaves behind a rash of identical gifts on the office desks of the staff. Rhoda can always make change (accurately) and she will return cheerfully on her next trip even if you failed to buy on her last.

While your reporter doesn't know the percentage of profit that Rhoda makes, she does know that the prices are low, and the selection large and in good taste.

## Humanitarian Award Dinner Tribute to U.S. Attorney General and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy



Left to right - James Mathuse, artist, shows painting to Att. Gen. Kennedy.

A gourmet Dinner was given by the New York City Chapter of the AHRC in honor of Attorney General and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy on May 24th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor. The room was decorated handsomely. A low false ceiling gave the huge enclosure an appearance of intimacy, while a profusion of mirrors added to the gay effect.

In his speech the Attorney General said that "the nation has shamefully neglected the problem of mental retardation but there are hopeful signs that we are beginning to gird ourselves for a full-scale effort against it."

The Attorney General also pointed out that efforts to deal with the problem have been minimal compared with those pointed toward control of diabetes, tuberculosis and muscular dystrophy.

Her contribution is handsome by any standards. From a wealthy individual it would be generous. From a trainee at the AHRC Sheltered Workshop it is inspiring!

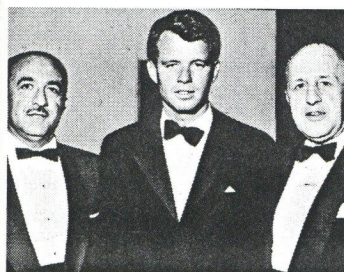
When asked why she didn't use at least some of the money to buy herself the luxuries that every girl enjoys, Rhoda gave as her reason "IF PEOPLE SPENT ALL THEIR MONEY ON THEMSELVES, THERE WOULD-N'T BE ANY WORKSHOP FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME."

Rhoda presented President Rubin with a check for \$500 in addition to the \$300 she had donated before. Perhaps Rhoda's words will speak more eloquently of the generous spirit that motivates her than any of mine. She wrote "This is the money I have raised by selling things on my own. Instead of presenting the 500 dollars direct to the main office I am giving it to our dearest President, Seymour Rubin, so that he can turn in the money to the main office and all of the profits go to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children."



Left to right: - Eva Gabor, Cyril Weinberg.

Less attention has been given mental retardation, according to Mr. Kennedy, even though it is 10 times more prevalent than diabetes, 20 times more prevalent than tuberculosis and 25 times as prevalent as mus-



Left to right: Seymour Rubin, Att. Gen. Kennedy, Jerome H. Frank.



Left to right: - Dr. Raphael M. Dansker, Eva Gabor, Att. Gen. Kennedy, Harry Halperin.

cular dystrophy.

On the lighter side the entertainment included Paul Taubman conducting the orchestra in a "Special Salute" to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy. Alex Walsh, Felix Knight and Toni Arden sang. Balladeer Steve De Pass created impromptu verses for the occasion. Richard Hayes also sang and Johnny Carson performed. Bill Leonard was Toastmaster. After dinner, Jeno Bartal and his orchestra played for dancing. The Reverend Everett McPhillips gave the dinner blessing.

Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York, sent a greeting. He also served as Honorary Chairman. The Chairman was Jerome H. Frank; Co-Chairman Dr. Raphael M. Dansker; Vice - Chairmen, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Gerald W. Eskow, Harry J. Halperin, Frank E. Karelsen, Hon. Herbert H. Lehman; Director of Press Relations, Charles A. Alicote

## An Excerpt from The Workshop Star

"In a little while our cafeteria will be serving food. We have waited a long time for it. We can hardly bear to wait much longer. At least trainees can sit and have their lunch there now, provided they bring their lunch with them.

"The equipment is gleaming. Gay and colorful paintings done by the trainees smile down from the walls, which are still clean and still green. Ivy curls over soft grey brick. Table tops shine a bright yellow and the floor glistens beneath a coat of polished wax.

"The new cafeteria supervisor, dressed in starched and spotless white, darts here and there, efficiently keeping everything in order.

"Trainees, staff and members of the New York League stood back and admired the cafeteria because of the hard work they had put into it.

"The Shop has to thank mainly the New York League of the AHRC

which for two years has campaigned for the cafeteria, raised the many thousands of dollars needed to pay for it, and then did the hard dirty work necessary to put it together. Among the hardest workers were Mrs. Banner, the League President, Mrs. Schwartz, the Workshop Committee Chairman, and Mrs. Burns. Mrs. Tarshes contributed the dishes, glasses and silverware to be used in the cafeteria.

"Another bright spot in the Shop is the Jacob S. Becker Reception Room. This is the gift of Mrs. Becker, a New York League Vice President. The room is a golden glow. Many trainees have said they want to work in the cafeteria. It will not be possible for everyone to work there. The main purpose of the cafeteria is to train people to hold cafeteria jobs outside. Most of the trainees in the cafeteria, therefore, will be from the Training Center. Some will be from the Workshop."



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Dr. George Zuckerman,  
Executive Director.

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Mildred Stagg --- Editor

## Editorial

The 1962 social season ended with a whirl of activity. There was the Thirteenth Annual Dinner on May 19th, preceded by a Bachelors' Frolic on May 11th, and followed by a testimonial Dinner for the United States Attorney and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy on the 24th.

The last picnics, strawberry festivals and monthly meetings are over, and AHRC members are enjoying a well earned rest so they can start planning their fall activities with renewed vigor.

The demand for the new brochure, "The Education of a Non - Educable", showing the work done by the Occupation Day Training Center has far exceeded expectations. A minimum order of 5000 was required, and it was expected that this number would last for at least a year, but instead a reorder was necessary within two months after publication. Requests for large quantities came from all over the country - Washington, D. C. and Albany not excepted. Encouraged by this success, we hope to produce more such brochures in the future until every single pioneering project of AHRC shall have been awarded the recognition, appreciation, and understanding that it deserves.

## Openings In AHRC Classes

There are openings in AHRC Special Educational Training Classes for the Retarded in the Bronx and Queens for children 5 to 15 years of age who are not on the current waiting list.

Please call Joseph Eden, Social Worker, AL 4-8203 for information.

## Bachelor's Spring Frolic Helps Retarded Countess Vera Buxhoeveden Serves as Chairman

A Bachelor's Spring Frolic for the benefit of AHRC, was held at the Sherry-Netherlands Hotel on Friday, May 11th, 1962 from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. Each bachelor host wore a red sash as identification.



Georgianna Liccione, Dancer.

The pink, white and orchid decor was dramatized by the table decorations, a jaunty white straw hat with detachable orchid corsage and boutonniere for each guest. Entertainment was furnished by opera star Felix Knight, dancer Georgianna Liccione, a college freshman who made her American debut after appearing in Italy, and Master of Ceremonies Ken Carson. Lester Lanin's orchestra played for dancing.

A promissory note for a portrait to be painted by Gyula J. Baro was auctioned off along with a designer dress by Enid Morris who also created the ballgown modelled by Chairman Countess Vera Buxhoeveden. Mr. and Mrs. James Austin Brown, Mrs. S. Park Cleveland and Mrs. Louise Mc Murtry gave parties before the frolic for their guests. Others who had tables were Mrs. Edwin C. Bacon, Countess Vera Buxhoeveden, Mrs. Owen Cheatham, Mrs. N. Fliegers, Princess Marianna Kropotkin, Mrs. Mary Netter, Jeremiah E. O'Connell, 3rd, Mrs. Vincent Rao, Miss Ariane Ruskin and Frederick M. Winship.



Mrs. Harry R. Lewis, Co-Chairman, Jeremiah O'Connell 3rd.

## Hunter College High School Community Service Report

Miriam Rodgers and Lynn Lashine, students at Hunter College High School, reported on their participation in the AHRC group work program in the March issue of the school paper "What's What."

To quote the enthusiastic volunteers "Retarded children are often thought of as children who cannot be communicated with, taught, spoken to, or understood. When we began working as part of the Teen-Age Group Aid Program of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, we weren't too sure what to expect either, but we soon found that all the myths about retarded children were wrong. "All of them can be taught to

improve in some way. Our bowling group, which consists of retardates ranging in age from their mid-teens to their late twenties, meets at Webster Lanes in the Bronx every Saturday afternoon. Some of the members have averages of about 150, which compare very favorably with our consistent eighties.

"AHRC sponsors several groups for children, teenagers, and young adults. Some, like our group, meet for bowling or swimming. Others are social groups, with dancing, games, and crafts. There are monthly training sessions for the Teen Group Aids and weekly sessions for the College Group Aids. This has opened new doors to future responsibilities."

## Warning from Dr. Dybwad

At a conference on "quackery" sponsored by the American Medical Association in Chicago, Dr. Gunnar Dybwad, executive director of the National Association for Retarded Children, warned that quackery had invaded the field of retardation in Europe.

According to Dr. Dybwad, an increasing number of Americans are travelling to Europe to seek treatment for their retarded children, sometimes by quacks. Other parents, he said, waste thousands of dollars on drug and vitamin preparations that have been imported from abroad.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mrs. Stagg:

In the February - March issue of Our Children's Voice, Mrs. King, the TMR teacher at Public School 93 M suggested a column entitled "News of the Schools." May I heartily endorse this idea. In fact, I plan to bring this to the attention of Miss Lynch and the supervisory staff at the Bureau.

If a column of the kind, suggested by Mrs. King, is created in your NEW paper, I will certainly urge our teachers to convey their many interesting personal and professional classroom experiences.

Sincerely  
Milton Chaikin  
Supervisor  
Board of Education  
CRMD  
24 E. 28th St.  
New York 16, N.Y.

Ed. Note - YOU send the news-  
we'll start the column  
immediately. Thank you.

Dear Member,

The Legal Section of the State Department of Education has advised our New York State Association that the State Law has been amended making it possible for children in the CRMD classes to remain in school until the age of 21 if they so desire.

Our chapter has notified the New York City Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools in New York City of the opinion of the State Department of Education.

We want all our members with children in the CRMD classes to be aware of this law in order to prevent their children's removal from school at the age of 17 as heretofore.

We will send a copy of the original letter to anyone who has a need for it.

Sincerely yours,  
Seymour Rubin, President

## AHRC Parent Education Courses

The Association will offer parent education "workshops" in which the parents will participate in discussion groups led by experts in retardation and parent counseling.

The series will be extended to EIGHT weeks, and include five categories. Tuesday, October 2, A, B, C, and D. Thursday, October 4th, course E. 8:15 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Center, Fourth Avenue and 13th Street.

COURSE A-very young child up to school age  
B-ages 8-12  
C-ages 13-17  
D-the young adult  
E-the role of the parent in the guidance of a retarded child.

Full particulars and specific subjects will be sent you late in the summer. For reservations now, write to:

Mrs. Betty Pendler, Chairman  
Parent Education Committee  
AHRC  
200 Park Avenue South  
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# Coming of Age Dinner

Sister Serena, Att. Gen. Lefkowitz, George G. Hirsch Honored



Dr. Arthur W. Pense presents award to Att. Gen. Louis J. Lefkowitz.



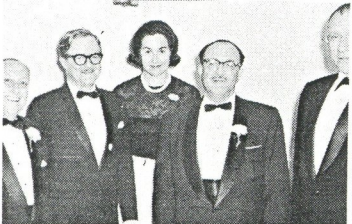
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Seymour Rubin presents award to George G. Hirsch.



Left to right: Seymour Rubin, Mrs. Seymour Rubin, Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, Miss S. Irene Johns, Mrs. Sam Cook Digges, Sam Cook Digges.



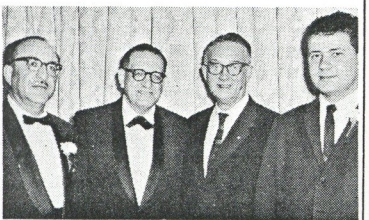
Left to right — Dr. George Zuckerman, Peter Donald, Mrs. Walter E. Kraus, Seymour Rubin, Cyril Weinberg.



Left to right — Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, Miss S. Irene Johns, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Harris.



Left to right — Peter Donald, Dr. George Zuckerman, Dr. George Jervis, Dr. Isaac Wolfson.



Left to right — Seymour Rubin, Bernard M. Fineson, Arthur Levitt, Harris Steven Fineson.

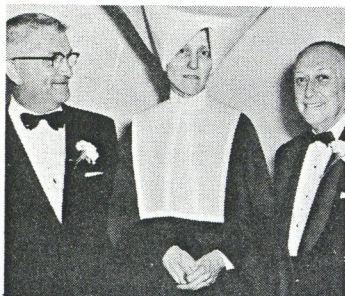
The New York City Chapter of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children reached a big milestone on its uphill climb on Saturday night, May 19th. The 13th Annual Dinner was a magnificent success. The Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor never looked lovelier than it did that evening in its gala trappings. Red tablecloths set off white Dinner Journals printed in red, while large flowerpieces in delicate shades of pink decorated the dais tables. Winking candlelight on every table added another festive note.

However, it was the people rather than the decor that made this an event to remember. And the really 'Very Important People' were the retardates of all ages who were celebrating THEIR DAY with matchless dignity and poise. The girls were pretty in their new dresses and modish hairdos, the boys all looked handsome. Everyone present seemed to recognize that the celebrities who were there to pay tribute to the organization on its Thirteenth Birthday were also showing their affection and regard for the retarded who are the concern of the AHRC.

Monsignor Edmund F. Fogarty delivered the invocation after the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Comedian Peter Donald, famous radio and TV star, was Master of Ceremonies, and funnier than your editor has ever heard him. The vast appreciative audience laughed at every sally and spurred him on to ever greater efforts. He kept repeating "You're wonderful" to the crowd, and they roared their gratitude right back to him.

Bernard M. Fineson, Chairman of the Dinner, identified every dais guest entering the ballroom without a single note; and he gave each of them a warm personal welcome. His short address was to the point and included a tribute to Anne and Joe Gitter for days and nights



Left to right: — Professor Chris De Prospe, Sister Serena, Dr. George Zuckerman.

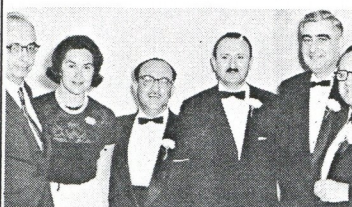
of hard work that oiled the wheels of this tremendous affair to the point where the entire operation ran as smoothly as the well known Rolls Royce engine which boasts that only the ticking of the dashboard clock is audible.

Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz was given an award as "A citizen whose dedication to good government has lasted for 34 years. . . a statesman of stature who truly believes that public office is a vehicle to serve the public interest. . . a humanitarian who recognized well in advance of the general public that unless the minimal needs of the 'forgotten child' be filled, there can be no genuine equality of opportunity."

He spoke feelingly of the progress that has been made in obtaining the rights of the retarded, through the efforts of the parents who started the organization. As he spoke he raised his voice to demand that more be done in the future by government agencies at all levels, local, state and federal.

Our President, Seymour Rubin, made his usual brilliant extemporaneous speech although he was suffering from laryngitis and a high fever. He evoked sympathy for the plight of the neglected, persecuted, retarded children of a few years ago; and he was optimistic about finding means of prevention and amelioration. He was almost prayerful in his determination to work until the scourge that affects the lives of so many may be wiped from the earth.

An award that really shocked its worthy recipient was presented to former President George G. Hirsch. The tribute read "For Serving as a Charter Member, Chairman of Education and School Committees and President of the New York City Chapter from 1958-1961. His vision of the rights of the retarded led him to serve the State



Left to right — Dr. George Jervis, Mrs. Walter E. Kraus, Seymour Rubin, George G. Hirsch, Dr. Ignacy Goldberg, Bernard M. Fineson.

## AHRC Represented

Bernard M. Fineson

Speaks For Retarded

Bernard M. Fineson, former President of the New York City Chapter and New York State, and currently a member of the Board of Directors of the NARC, and Vice Pres. of N.Y. City Chapter served as AHRC spokesman at a hearing before the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation. Assemblyman Stanley Steingut, vice chairman of the committee, was sponsor of the hearing, and our own Senator William T. Conklin was on hand to look after the interests of the retarded.

A student at one of the AHRC classes posed for a photograph with several other handicapped children, Senator Conklin, and Assemblyman Steingut.

Mr. Fineson said in part. . . "FIRST: Let me call your attention to the fact that with the development of medical science there has been a tremendous growth in the young adult retardate population. This necessitated greater expansion of Occupation Center and Sheltered Workshop facilities. We urge that you give serious consideration to increasing through legislation the development and expansion of regional workshops.

SECOND: We ask this committee to support the disbursement of funds from the Community Mental Health Board to enable us to develop and expand training centers for all retardates from pre-school ages through to adult workshops.

THIRD: We ask that local Boards of Education comply fully with the legislative mandate so successfully pursued by this committee to provide classes for all "Trainable" retarded children.

FOURTH: We urge that Occupation Training Centers be established by the Board of Education not only for "Educable" young adults but also for the below 50 IQ, or "Trainable" adults.

FIFTH: We strongly urge that legislation be passed for reimbursement to privately operated Centers, of the cost of transportation of retarded children of all ages. These costs have been a tremendous burden on voluntary agencies, such as ours, and on parents who seek training for their children."

Association since its inception, and to help organize the National Association for Retarded Children." Mr. Hirsch was almost overcome by the surprise but he pledged himself to continue his dedication as wholeheartedly as he had during his three terms as President until all the aims of the organization have been achieved.

When Sister Serena was presented with her award in a short but meaningful speech by Executive Director, Dr. George Zuckerman, she treated her listeners to a brief history of retardation, an affliction going back thousands of years with little understanding, sympathy or help until the 18th century.

Her vision was comforting to the retarded whom she has served so valiantly and so well, and to their parents, families

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Gala Social Night

Loew's Theatre Building in Coney Island was the scene of a memorable evening of entertainment produced for the Brooklyn Borough Division by a talented performer, Florence Duray, as her contribution to the help of retarded children.



Standing: Ben Lawson, Pat and Nola, Kathy Yorke, Vinnie Chiare, Luana, seated, Florence Duray.

The show had something to offer for every age and taste. Luana, an exquisite Hawaiian and Tahitian dancer appearing at Club Luau Nyack, danced delightfully. Popular singer, Ben Lawson, who made his reputation by appearing in Boston Night Clubs, sang everyone's favorite songs. The Peppermint Lounge was represented by Twisters Kathy Yorke and Vinnie Chiare. The charming duo danced their way into the hearts of the audience who responded with applause so thunderous that Kathy and Vinnie had to give repeated encores. Jimmy Mack of the New York night club circuit did his novelty heel dance. The "Standing Room Only" crowd cheered comedian Artie Roberts whom they remembered from the Steve Allen and Pat Boone TV Shows. Pat and Nola, a handsome pair of Harvest Moon Ball Fame, showed the form that made them a winning team.

Florence Duray produced and arranged the entire show. She and all the rest of the talent contributed their services gratis. Miss Duray sang beautifully to the excellent accompaniment of George Pfundstein. She had recently returned from a 10 month singing tour of the West; and has had her own show on TV in Phoenix, Arizona, over the ABC network.

This fine performer is never too busy to answer the call of a worthy cause. She has received a number of awards and citations over the years, two this past year. She said she always finds it a "new and thrilling experience." Similarly the Brooklyn Division of AHRC found Miss Duray's efforts in behalf of retarded children a "thrilling experience".

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and friends. As Sister Serena finished, beautiful Barbara Jacobs, daughter of Board Member Leo Jacobs and Mrs. Jacobs walked onto the dais. She presented Sister Serena with a sheaf of fragrant red and white roses, saying "Thank you Sister Serena, for all you've done for the retarded." The guest of honor took the flowers from Barbara and rewarded her with an impulsive kiss.

After a touching appeal for funds by Peter Donald, Rabbi Eugene J. Sack delivered the benediction.

DONOR REPORT BY DONOR COMMITTEE

The busy benefactors who contribute so generously to AHRC wound up the season in a burst of activity as brilliant as a sky rocket. Months of painstaking, efficient preparation paid off in a series of exciting luncheons, dinners and parties that were a pleasure to attend. Our one regret was our inability to attend them all because of conflicting dates. Only experience as chairman of a big dinner, enables one to appreciate the effort necessary to insure the success of the social events that our donors give with but one purpose - to help the underprivileged, particularly the least privileged of all, the retarded.

On behalf of the parents and friends of the retarded and our retarded children themselves we would like to thank the donors for their magnificent generosity and continuing kindness to our children.

Among the HIGHLIGHTS of the Spring-Summer season were the following:

EASTER PARTIES given by the Sisterhood for Retarded Children at the Bronx Training Center and The Giving Hand, at the Brooklyn Education Training Classes. CIRCUS TRIP sponsored by The Forest Hills Rotary Club on May 2nd, 1962 for the Queens Education Training Classes. LUNCHEONS

- April 14 - Gertrude Vos Children's Fund for Sylvia Schachter
- April 28 - North Hills League for Retarded Children.
- May 1 - Orphans Help League.
- May 7 - Ruth Kirzon League
- May 7 - Sunshine League for Underprivileged Children
- May 19 - Cunningham Women's League
- May 19 - Sisterhood for Retarded Children.
- May 19 - Schechter Foundation Dinner Dance
- May 20 - Flushing Committee for the Retarded, Dinner Dane.
- June 13 - Schechter Foundation Installation
- June 13 - North Hills League Installation.
- June 14 - Far Rockaway Auxiliary Installation.

To all of our donors, best wishes for a truly happy summer, secure in the warm glow of our heartfelt appreciation of your unselfish concern for the retarded.

HELP A RETARDED CHILD TO HELP HIMSELF!

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Executive Director Publishes Paper

George Zuckerman, Ph. D., Executive Director of the AHRC, published an article on "Helping Older Retarded Children" in the April issue of PATHWAYS IN CHILD GUIDANCE, a Publication of the Bureau of Child Guidance, Board of Education of the City of New York.

Dr. Zuckerman stressed the multiple problems of the retarded after the age of 17. Some of the points he developed in the story were as follows: "The questions which present themselves immediately are those of employability, institutionalized residential schooling, and placement in private and public training centers."

"Since the New York legislature has mandated the education of the retarded child from the age of 5 to 21, the problems of schooling have been made even more complex. For a long time now the Board of Education of the City of New York and the Association for the Help of Retarded Children have maintained classes for the low-functioning trainable young adult, in which children from the age of 6 to the age of 17 were kept in an organized class situation. The Association for the Help of Retarded Children maintained these trainables much beyond the 17 year level in their own classes and training centers...."

"In the course of time and with the pressing demands made upon us by the problems of young educable adults, the first Sheltered Workshop and Training Center was created in cooperation with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State of New York and the office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Federal Government. There are now 130 young adults being serviced at this Sheltered Workshop and Training Center. The facility is in actuality divided into two component parts: - The Sheltered Workshop services for those young adults who are presently doubtful as to their employability and the Training Center which includes those young adults who are being directly prepared for employment.

"With the recognition that low-functioning young adults could be retained in the community, an Occupation Day Center was organized for the specific purpose of training the low-functioning adult in personal hygiene and grooming, food handling, social activities, some productive work and specific training in traveling around the city on the common carriers, such as subways, buses etc. All of the young adults accepted into this program were

American Association for Mental Deficiency Convention AHRC Displays Projects.



Arnold Cortazzo, Director of the Occupation Day Training Center brings fresh supply of brochures to Queens member Etna Newton, (manning booth for AHRC) after original 700 copies were distributed in one day.



Standing left to right - Joseph Eden, Social Worker at main office; Jack Tobias, chief psychologist for AHRC; Philip W. Russ, psychiatric social worker at Occupation Day Training Center; Seated - Mrs. Minna Bober, Brooklyn Borough Chairman; Mrs. Etna Newton, Queens volunteer manning booth.

low-trainables, below 50 I. Q. It is now serving some 65 trainees.

"The Board of Education last year opened an Occupation Center for young adults 17 and over who could not be accommodated in any other facility. This is a direct result of the legislation which set the age limits for the Board of Education's responsibility at 5 to 21 years of age. That legislation came about after a long HARD STUGGLE by interested parent organizations.

"It is to be hoped that ultimately the State and City will assume the complete operation and control of all of the Sheltered Workshops, Training Centers and Centers for "Trainables," rather than continue to place this burden upon voluntary private auspices..."

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