

Chimo seeking volunteers

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Telephone volunteers are trained by experienced Chimo members. Two workshops, on October 2, and three shifts at the center with an experienced volunteer provide the basic training.

Interested persons are asked to attend a pre-training orientation session. This gives the training committee and the new recruit an opportunity to talk informally about Chimo — its services and what is required of its members.

The training sessions will delve in depth into Chimos structure and philosophy and will give the new volunteer a chance to pose questions on its general aims.

They will train prospective members in the art of attentive listening and in the use of Chimo's community directory — the main source for making appropriate referrals.

The next will prepare them for crisis response situations.

Finally, they will outline general

office procedures.

Training at the two main sessions is conducted by separating the training into small groups. Each of which will be supervised by at least one group leader, who will explain procedures, listening techniques and the use of Chimo's community service directory.

If you feel you have the necessary attributes and are interested in helping Chimo help others, give Chimo a call at 455-9464. They are accepting recruits until the end of

September.

Helping others can be frustrating and thankless, yet it is personally satisfying experience.

If you need help or can help Chimo, call them.

Chimo is for people who, through experience, have learned the need to be and who possess the attributes of being concerned, considerate and Christianly charitable and who seek the personal satisfaction that comes from helping other people. Unfortunately, that doesn't describe everybody.

Chimo is a community service organization that provides people with a place to resolve their problems. It is a place that provides people, like you, with a channel to make life much more meaningful, to do some of those Christian deeds that we are so often preached to about, and to make our, your, community a better place to live in.

If you don't think Chimo serves any worthwhile function in this community then let me lay a few statistics on you.

Chimo handles a few hundred calls a week. Approximately seven hundred requests for succor with family, marital and individual problems a month are managed. Several thousand peoples' problems with alcohol and drugs, with depression and loneliness, with transportation and sitters, with family and finances, with physical and mental health, are assisted a year by them.

Since its conception back in October of 1971, Chimo has proven its need in the community. This non-profit, United Way agency, undoubtedly assisted thousands of members of this communities; providing numerous needed services. It's a sounding and solving board for peoples' problems as well as an information centre. Counselling on financial, family and marital matters or on any emotional crisis are looked after by this organization's resource people. They also supply such services as: drivers for the disabled and elderly, readers for the blind,

conversationalist for the lonely, sitters, meals and accomodations in emergency situations, speakers on various subjects and many more useful forms of assistance. Information on various subjects is readily available from Chimo. When people don't know who to turn to, when people need the name, addresses, phone numbers of specialized agencies they have Chimo to furnish them with the information. The community needs Chimo and Chimo needs the people of this community to help them out.

Chimo, which is open for calls from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every day of the year, needs individuals to serve as telephone volunteers and resource people.

The telephone volunteers assist by doing referrals to the appropriate agency and resource person, by providing the requested information or by providing an emphathetic ear for people's problems.

Resources people, whether practical aid or professional, are specialists who will, when requested and needed by the caller, assist them either by phoning or on invitation by visiting them.

Chimo helps those who need it, and now needs some help.

"Meaningful" a word we use to describe relationships, work and even life is such a simple word, after all, it interprets as full of meaning — any dictionary will verify that.

In the dictionary, you'll find such words as aim, purpose, end significance used to define meaning.

It's an adjective which we've come to understand not because of its dictionary definition, but through experience. Experience teaches us the qualities that it implies. Qualities such as: concern, consideration, Christian Charity and personal satisfaction or self-enlightenment and a sense of accomplishment.

It's an adjective which describes Chimo, Fredericton's crisis response and referral centre and the qualities of its members.

UP THE UP THE HILL

The 1978 edition of "Up the Hill", which is the universities yearbook, is beginning its year of work with the first big meeting Monday Sept 19 at 7 p.m. in room 26 in the SUB. This meeting is an organizational meeting and is open to all former members as well as anybody new who thinks they would like to give it a try.

The editors Pete Fullerton and Ann Langereis say that positions are open for photographers, typists, artists, copiests, ad salespersons, people to do layouts, and others are needed.

The Business Manager Lynn Wentworthe would also like to remind you that now is the time to order your copy. The price of this years books is \$7.00 if you are going to pick it up next October when it comes in from the publishers or you can pay \$8.00 if you wish the book mailed to your home.

The order forms are available in Room 126 in the SUB and the yearbook office in room 31 of the SUB. During the year there will also be booths set up around campus, where you can purchase

the book but don't take a chance, get yours today.

Public thanks is also due to the staff of last years book for doing such a fine job and also for winning the "Big E" an efficiency award from the publishers.

So remember the first is Sept 19 in room 26 of the SUB and the editors would like to see a good turnout at this meeting. If you want to work on the book, but can't make this meeting come and see one of the editors in room 31 and they will help you.

Once again, room 26, in the SUB Sept. 19.

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7:30 p.m

Carleton 106



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