

# Chimo means I am your friend

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community agencies professional resource persons. These including lawyers psychologists, social workers, nurses, and interpreters. Many other non-professional resource persons, the former provide such services as visiting, emergency driving, and babysitting.

The phone rings in the CHIMO room, the worker responsible for that phone removes the receiver and speaks calmly "CHIMO, may I help you?" A troubled person is on the other end of the line, and even though she is very drunk as well BOB recognizes that fact. He talks with her, trying to reassure for about 20 minutes, she seems happy to have

talked with him. The worker about 50, tall, greying a little, a personnel man in his working life talks with his partner, a long haired male student who listens carefully. On the basis of what they have said in discussing the case the older man contacts a public service to find if it can help the caller, and then another. The younger volunteer in the meantime follows-up a case he had earlier in the week, concerning a man interested in drug education for youth in his area.

The phone had been busy steadily for an hour, two other workers, a young nurse and a teacher come to relieve them. They tell them briefly about

follow-ups to be made and recount ruefully an administrative hassle encountered in finding the information required for it. After about 10 minutes they leave, feeling a little happy, knowing that they have contributed something.

Inside the two fresh workers wait expectantly for calls to come in.

November 1970 a meeting was called by the community Development Corporation, 40 people from the ranks of the community public service agencies (welfare workers, nurses, Ministers, etc.) attended. Up till then "people-oriented services had been vaguely aware of each other but, really didn't

know the people themselves. A special view at the meeting was given to marriage counselling, something that appeared to be lacking in Fredericton.

Three months later another meeting was sponsored by the Greater Clergy counsel of Fredericton, the same people attended. It was generally realized at this time that a co-ordinating central help centre was needed, in one form or another. A steering committee was appointed to plan the operation. Later an organizing committee was set up to carry out the recommendations of this group.

In the summer with Opportunities for youth many students from tri-campus became involved, from here the name CHIMO, meaning "I am your friend" evolved.

Up to this time there had been much publicity and talk about CHIMO, but nothing definite was yet extant. The organizing committee obtained permission to use a room in a local church, it became essentially the physical centre of CHIMO.

In the fall training groups were set up headed by Judy Avis. The first group of trained people came through around the start of October. In the sessions they discussed ethics, procedure (as mentioned before) and did much role-playing and rapping about community re-


sources and potential problems. The ex service started October 12 and has been going strong ever since. The timetable of shifts is filled in voluntarily and is never the same in terms of what people are working from week to week. A council was elected around this time headed by Father Joe Higgins.

The council's basic function is to "formulate the policies governing the activities of CHIMO", and to "advise and support the Management Committee in maintaining the centre". The latter group the Management Committee run the service from day to day and is much smaller in terms of numbers.

The other council functions are to "reflect the views and needs of the community where crisis response and help are needed" and to "discuss ways and means of bringing further help to the community according to the needs brought to light.

The council "reflects the various social and ethnic groups in our community". A high degree of competence in such an enterprise is indicated by the qualifications of the members of the council. Council is composed under the constitution of various Representatives of occupations and life-

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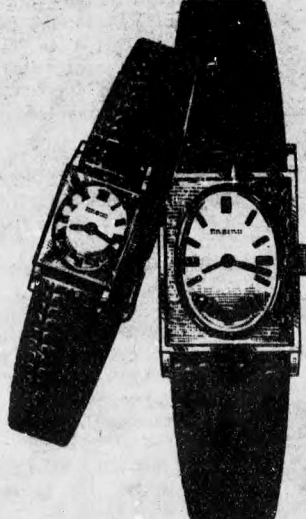


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