

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

March 12, 1969

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It has been suggested that we at Duke Memorial might give \$6,000.00 to this fund over the next three years. It is my sincere hope that you and every member of our church will have a part in helping us meet our goal.

You will note that a portion of your money will be used at the Edgemont Community Center here in Durham. It is urgent that we do our best in this area.

Please use the enclosed pledge card to indicate your intention to share your means to help the world's agony. This is a good cause, and I personally commend it to you.

You may place your subscription card in the offering plate during the next three Sundays.

I know you will give liberally and sacrificially.

Faithfully,

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Permission granted at March meeting, see March, minutes

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Sincerely,

W. E. Betts

FUND FOR RECONCILIATION - PROPOSAL FROM EDGE MONT COMMUNITY CENTER, DURHAM, N. C.
(DURHAM DISTRICT PROJECT)

1. Name of organization

Edgemont Community Center
201 S. Elm Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701 688-7048

2. Officers of organization

Chairman	Mrs. Louis D. Quin
Vice-Chairman	Dr. Harris Proctor
Secretary	Mrs. Nancy Anderson
Treasurer	Mr. Larry Spalding
Executive Director	Mrs. Mary Jane Burns

3. By-Laws

Copy attached

4. Basis of membership

Membership and services are available to all residents of the Edgemont Community (an area in East Durham bounded by Ramseur Avenue and the Norfolk and Western Railway, Seaboard Street, Liberty Street and Alston Avenue and a four block area south of Alston Avenue). The Edgemont Community is a bi-racial (60% black and 40% white) low income community with a population of 5,000. Membership for school age children and teenagers is available by completing a membership card and paying a membership fee of 25¢ yearly. In other incidences, membership is based solely on participation, existing need or interest and referral of an Edgemont Community person to the Edgemont Community Center's program and/or services.

5. Purpose and objectives of the proposed project

The Edgemont Community Center is a multi-purpose center that seeks to enable individuals, families, and groups in the Edgemont Community toward the development of their own unique abilities and strengths. The Edgemont Community Center sees itself as a decentralized, community project that exists in the midst of the low income community it works to serve and respond to. The Center strives to be flexible and responsive to the changing needs through sensitively assessing the priorities/as felt by the Edgemont people. There is an attempt to work with the people where they are and to shape programs and services around priorities as seen by the people. A secondary purpose is to provide appropriate opportunities for volunteers to work and learn in this low income setting. The Center perceives its role as crossroads for the Edgemont and Durham Community interaction with individual churches having participated over the years.

The Edgemont Community Center has served persons in the Edgemont Community since 1942. The project has evolved and sought, progressively to serve in a more professional manner. A "Long Range Planning Proposal," representing the efforts and thinking of the Edgemont Community Center staff, board and community members, has been developed stating the ministerial means needed to run present program and stating what projected programs or services are needed according to priority.

There are basic premises on which these Center programs or proposed projects are based:

1. The use of programs as tools for individual, family or community development.
2. The principle of community development and maximum Edgemont Community involvement in program development.
3. Emphasis on involvement of the total family, thereby maximising the impact of planned, co-ordinated, sensitive intervention in the multi-problem family.
4. Emphasis on the educational, physical, social, cultural and intellectual development of the individual at this own pace.

6. Proposed projects

The Edgemont Community Center board and staff propose to implement an adequate program with adequate facilities under the following priorities:

- a. Upgrading present program and services - The Edgemont Community Center first is seeking to do a more responsible,

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a. Upgrading present program and services - The Edgehomet Community Center first is seeking to do a more responsible

professional, intensified job with present services and program components and only then to project past these programs into other service areas. The present program includes components in Pre-School, Adult Group Work, Afternoon Program, Recreation, and Education.

- (1) Implementation - (a) Staff implemented by professional and untrained staff volunteers obtained from indigenous Edgemont Community, North Carolina College, Duke University, Duke Divinity School and the Durham community. (b) Local Community Participation - Priority is given to Edgemont Community participation with emphasis also placed on fostering interaction between the Edgemont and Durham community (universities, churches, etc.).
- (2) Timetable - Need is immediate.
- (3) Budget (a) Current - see attached sheet (\$7,000 total)
(b) Projected budget - Projected budgetary needs include:
 - Personnel additions - \$7,000 total. \$5,000 for several maintenance and repair workers, \$2,000 for increased Director's salary.
 - Building renovation - \$18,000 total. The present building is 23 years old. During that time no basic renovation has occurred and only irregular maintenance. The building is 1,200 square feet. With 650 persons serviced by the Center and the facility being used sixteen hours daily, building deterioration is rapid. Heating and plumbing are substandard and could not service any expanded area. There are rotting door and window frames, worn floor tiles, as well as a critical need for repainting and landscaping.
 - Equipment - \$7,000 total. There is the need for replacement of furnishings (chairs, tables, cabinets) that are sturdy, multi-purpose, less cumbersome and more generally adaptable. Such equipment is a necessity, whether activities remain confined to the present facility or expand to an adjacent facility.
- b. Improved recreation facilities, \$25,500 total. The Edgemont Community Center is presently the only recreational facility available to the 5,000 persons in the Edgemont area. Further, recreation is used as a tool in working with disadvantaged youth. Priorities in the improved recreation program include: additional recreation equipment (\$2,500); requisition of additional adjacent land immediately west of the Center (\$13,000); addition of a shelter over the existing basketball court (\$7,000) with an attached recreation storage area (this structure could include partitioning to allow for simultaneous activities such as basketball, shuffleboard, ping pong, etc.); the grading and landscaping of present property (\$3,000).
- c. Cultural enrichment program:
 - (1) Purpose - Opportunity of leisurely individualization not possible in crowded and competitive home/school situation; *opportunity* to succeed through tangible, creative tasks; use arts as a means and outlet for expression and fulfillment; co-ordination and utilization of Durham community cultural enrichment resources in disadvantaged community.
 - (2) Implementation -
 - (a) Staff - \$27,000 total. Assistant Director, Arts Consultant, Neighborhood Aides. The program would be established with the aim of maximum Edgemont Community employment and leadership. A cultural enrichment program board composed of Edgemont Community persons would determine the shape of the

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Personnel additions - \$7,000 total, \$2,000 for several
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(b) Timetable - Begin June, 1969.

(c) Budget - 1. Staff - \$27,000

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- d. Addition of Adjunct facility - \$22,000 total building cost. Overcrowding has severely limited the present program requiring tight scheduling as well as elimination of persons and programs. An addition equal to the present structure would significantly improve the abilities of the Center to serve both Edgemont and Durham. The adjunct facility would be used for adult and youth activities and administrative offices and the present center would house pre-school and adolescent activities. Such a facility would double the number of simultaneous activities that could be offered, the persons that could be served, and the hours per day that specific groups could use the facility (at the present time all groups are using the Center in the afternoon on 55 minute shifts).
- e. Pre-school program development - \$7,000 total. Development of a comprehensive, structured, systematic program of enrichment, pre-school preparation and retraining for 3, 4, and 5 year olds, as well as significant involvement and retraining of parents.

8. Involvement of other groups

Currently the board and staff of Edgemont Community Center have been conducting an in-depth evaluation of the pressing needs of the Center. Concurrent with this evaluation has been the attempt to seek financial support from non-governmental organizations outside of Durham. So far, this effort has not met with any success but the process is not completed.

9. Time-table for requests

- a. Proposed program, staff and capital improvement can be implemented immediately on a priority basis. The only item that might require additional time will be a workable proposal for an addition to the present facility.
- b. Funds will be needed as soon as possible.

10. Current and projected budget

- a. Current budget and current sources of funds - see attached sheet
- b. Projected budget - see estimates included under section on proposals and implementation.
- c. Plans for future funding - Each project is planned to automatically supplement and enrich the ongoing, already established program. Projects are planned to demonstrate the effectiveness of these projects to gain ongoing local support.

11. Procedures for handling funds, and name of person administering the funds

Traditionally, because of our heavy support from the Duke University Religious Council, the Edgemont Community Center accounting has been handled through the accounting department of Duke University. While we are not formally connected with Duke University, through the courtesy of their organization we have been permitted to maintain this arrangement. All monies are deposited to the Edgemont Community Center account at Duke and drawn on that account. The treasurer of the Center is the only person authorized to use this account.

12. Annual audit - An annual audit is required of this organization and has been done by Thomas Knight Trent & King of Durham.

13. Project Evaluation - Stated in the by-laws of the Center is the requirement to "study the needs of the community to be served and to devise plans through which these needs can be met." Periodic studies have been undertaken by the board & staff in response to this requirement and changes in direction instituted in accordance with the findings. The 1966 Proposal for Reorganization and the current Center Long Range Planning Proposal (a 55 page study detailing the aforementioned proposed Project) are the most recent instances of this ongoing evaluation.

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