

## COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER PROGRAM

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### PLAN

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Funding for such a program has been approved by the County Commissioners and the Department of Social Services; however, the entire administration of the program will rest with the Coordinating Council.

The budget provides for a quality operation. A paid staff includes: a Coordinator who will be skilled in group activities; an assistant who will have patient care experience; three aides to permit grouping into units of ten persons each; secretary-bookkeeper; one aide for food service assistance. It is planned for the food to be catered, and maintenance and utilities items are provided. There is no rent item, but equipment and program supplies are included.

The Coordinating Council has a bus with a hydraulic lift which will be used for transporting those who need it.

The desired space must include at least one office used exclusively for the staff. In addition space will be needed for resting, eating, health station, three program units, exercise area, and rest-rooms. The space must be on one floor and accessible either by being on ground level or by elevator.

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The Administrative Board of Duke Memorial  
United Methodist Church will meet on Tuesday,  
October 3, at 7:45 p. m. in the Bradshaw Room.  
This is an important meeting so please be  
present if possible.

M. Laney Funderburk, Jr.  
Chairman

