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## Could There Be A Worthier Cause?

Nowhere on the Peninsula is there an institution fulfilling so vital a need as the Children's Home of the Eastern Shore, which is located here.

"Institution" is a decided misnomer in this case. Walking in the door of the Children's Home is not unlike walking into a private home. The atmosphere is friendly, home-like; the antiseptic, regimented, impersonal feeling that surrounds and overpowers you when you enter most institutional facilities is nowhere in evidence here.

The Children's Home is a home in every sense that one would hope it could be for the youngsters whom misfortune visits through no fault of their own. Here is the only institution on the Eastern Shore where a family of children may live together instead of being divided up into foster homes. Just stop and think what that means!

Here, also, is virtually the only non-institutional facility on the entire Del-Mar-Va Peninsula where boys and girls of school age in need of assistance can be afforded emergency or temporary care and shelter until permanent plans can be made for them. The alternative to the Children's Home, in many instances in the past, has been to house innocent youngsters in jails.

Operation of the Children's Home, like anything else, costs money. It will cost more in the future because, with the inauguration of the program to provide emergency care — which is a somewhat new service provided in light of the desperate need — more staff will be required.

The Children's Home is currently conducting a public appeal for funds to carry on its work and meet its new responsibilities. Although, technically, the Home operates under the aegis of the Episcopal Church, it is wholly non-denominational in regard to the children who are afforded care and to the membership of its governing board. As a matter of fact, the Home originated as a civic venture to take care of orphaned and unfortunate girls on the 'Shore. The funds left to operate the Home by various kindly disposed persons, came from men and women of all denominations. In due time, many of those who had authority lost interest in the operation of the Home and it was left to a group of Episcopal women to assume the responsibility and carry on the work. This group — the Board — now includes women of other denominations, as well. Naturally, the original endowment has long since ceased to be adequate for support of the Home.

The Home would welcome the contributions of those who are interested in helping children who need help. Could there be a worthier cause?

Make checks payable to The Children's Home, and send them to: Board of Managers, The Children's Home, Easton, Maryland.