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SPASTIC CENTRE, WOODVILLE.

GOOD EVENING:

THE SPASTIC CENTRE AT WOODVILLE IS WELLKNOWN TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK IT IS DOING IN CARING FOR SPASTIC CHILDREN. THE CENTRE HAS BEEN VERY MUCH DEPENDENT ON THE PUBLIC'S GENEROSITY TO ENABLE IT TO KEEP GOING. EVEN SO, THE EVER-INCREASING DEMANDS BEING MADE ON THE SPASTIC HOME MEAN THAT IT MUST GET EVEN MORE FINANCIAL HELP IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN ITS HIGH STANDARDS.

RECENTLY IT HAS BECOME AN URGENT NECESSITY TO FURTHER EXTEND ITS BUILDINGS TO ALLOW FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS, KITCHEN, DININGROOM, LAUNDRY AND A SPLINT SHOP. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THESE EXTENSIONS WILL COST AROUND \$250,000. CONSEQUENTLY THE SPASTIC CENTRE AUTHORITIES APPROACHED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AND TONIGHT I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT THIS ASSISTANCE WILL BE GRANTED. THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO SUBSIDIZE THE EXTENSIONS ON A \$2 FOR \$1 BASIS. THIS MEANS THAT WORK CAN NOW COMMENCE BECAUSE THE SPASTIC

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CENTRE HAS RECEIVED THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS FROM A VERY GENEROUS PUBLIC.

THE WOODVILLE SPASTIC CENTRE WAS OPENED IN NOVEMBER, 1952, AND THEN CARED FOR ONLY TEN CHILDREN. SOON IT WAS FOUND THAT THE ORIGINAL HOUSE AT 98, WOODVILLE ROAD, WAS NOT BIG ENOUGH, AND IN 1955 THE MORTLOCK WING WAS ADDED WITH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE ON A POUND FOR POUND BASIS. THIS WING HAS BEEN REGISTERED SINCE AS A 'C' CLASS HOSPITAL AND THEREFORE RECEIVES THE COMMONWEALTH HOSPITAL ASSISTANCE OF \$2 PER DAY PER BED OCCUPIED. THIS WING PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR 38 PATIENTS, A DENTAL ROOM, MATRON'S OFFICE AND TWO LARGE PLAY ROOMS.

IT BECAME APPARENT THAT TREATMENT AND EDUCATION AREAS WERE NEEDED, AND IN 1958 THE "MISS AUSTRALIA" WING WAS BUILT TO PROVIDE PHYSIO, OCCUPATIONAL AND SPEECH THERAPY, MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

AND FOUR CLASSROOMS. THE MONEY FOR THIS WAS PROVIDED BY THE "MISS AUSTRALIA" QUEST, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, PLUS A POUND FOR POUND GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

IN 1964, THE ASSOCIATION PURCHASED THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OF 98A, WOODVILLE ROAD, AND THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO A \$2 FOR \$1 SUBSIDY WHICH WAS PAID LAST YEAR.

TODAY THE SPASTIC CENTRE AT WOODVILLE IS CARING FOR A DAILY AVERAGE OF 110 PATIENTS AND FURTHER FACILITIES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. THE ASSOCIATION HAS A FLEET OF EIGHT 'BUSES, THE LATEST COSTING \$6,085, AND AGAIN SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON A 2 FOR 1 BASIS. SOME 88 CHILDREN ARE COLLECTED FROM THEIR HOMES EACH MORNING AND RETURNED HOME EACH AFTERNOON.

NOW THE LATEST PLANS ARE BEING COMPLETED AND WILL, AS I SAID EARLIER, COST AROUND \$250,000 TO BE SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON A 2 FOR 1 BASIS.

THESE SUBSIDIES MAKE POSSIBLE THE EXCELLENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE SPASTIC CENTRE. IT IS WORK OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY - QUITE APART FROM THE PURELY HUMANE ASPECT OF RELIEVING HUMAN SUFFERING.

THE SPASTIC CENTRE AT WOODVILLE IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB AND TO HELP IT FURTHER THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT APPOINTS AND PAYS THE SALARY OF THE HEAD TEACHER AND MAKES AN ANNUAL GRANT OF \$4,000 TOWARD THE SALARIES OF THE OTHER THREE TEACHERS. THIS CONTINUING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE SPASTIC CENTRE TO CONTINUE ITS MOST COMMENDABLE WORK.

GOOD NIGHT.