

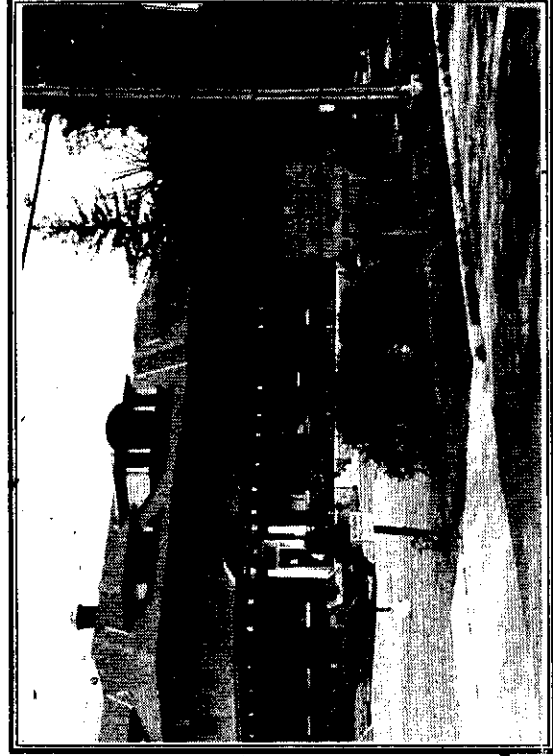


# Housing Partnership

OF THE FOX CITIES

WINTER, 1999

...serving housing needs in the Fox Cities since 1986...



*Open Door Apartments, 320 W. Eighth Street, Appleton*

As reported in the Post-Crescent, it is possible that St. Joseph Parish may be selling the building now serving as Open Door Apartments. Originally built in the 1920's, it served as a convent for the School Sisters of Notre Dame. In 1994, the building underwent a complete renovation into eight beautiful apartment units.

Community Night, held on February 3, 1995, launched the new building and program. Over 500 citizens and community leaders toured the new Open Door Apartments. Community interest and support continues at a high level to this day.



Since 1995, Open Door has been supported by the Iron Man Invitational Golf Marathon, an annual event which raises over \$20,000 per year. Hundreds of people have contributed, showing their support for this program.

The need for transitional housing for homeless families grows each year. Open Door represents the most effective way to meet this need. Open Door is the only transitional housing facility for families in Appleton. (Project Home, operated by the Salvation Army provides transitional housing for *individuals*.) Housing Partnership staff, Board, and volunteers want to express to you our continued support for this program at this facility.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

As most of you know, many agencies provide housing services in the Fox Cities. And, because housing is an important issue in any community, the newspaper is full of references to all of these agencies. I thought it might be helpful to let you know how the HOUSING PARTNERSHIP fits in to these discussions.

Housing agencies are characterized by the types of services they provide. They may provide *emergency shelter*, *transitional housing* (housing that provides a "transition" between homelessness and permanent housing), *affordable rental* (rental units that are designed in some way to be affordable to low-income families), or *home ownership* opportunities. Agencies are further differentiated by whether they provide *case management* services to the families in their programs. Some agencies assist with finding housing, but do not directly provide housing. *What all agencies share is their willingness to serve low-income families.*

In our community, various agencies provide all of these services.

**emergency shelter**—provided by Salvation Army's Warming Shelter, Fox Cities Emergency Shelter, Harbor House, and the Christine Anne Center.

**transitional housing**—provided by the *Housing Partnership* for families at Open Door Apartments, Project Home for individuals, and ADVOCAP in Menasha for families.

**affordable rental**—provided by the *Housing Partnership*, Appleton Housing Authority, Outagamie County Housing Authority. Soon, C.O.T.S. will begin providing housing to individual males

**home ownership**—provided by the Appleton Housing Authority, *Housing Partnership* and Habitat for Humanity.

Generally, all agencies providing emergency and transitional housing provide case management services. The Housing Partnership provides limited case management services to those families in affordable rental units.

Salvation Army's Referral Center assists people in identifying housing, and may subsidize housing in the regular rental market. In addition, this agency provides a telephone service for families to use to seek jobs or housing when they have no phone. LEAVEN may provide assistance with rent or utility payments to prevent families from becoming homeless.

All of these agencies, and many more, have joined together to form the **Fox Cities Housing Coalition** to assist in the coordination of housing services. We are making headway in working together to make sure that families are provided the services necessary so that repeat occurrences of homelessness can be avoided. The Housing Partnership is excited to be a part of this effort to improve our community!

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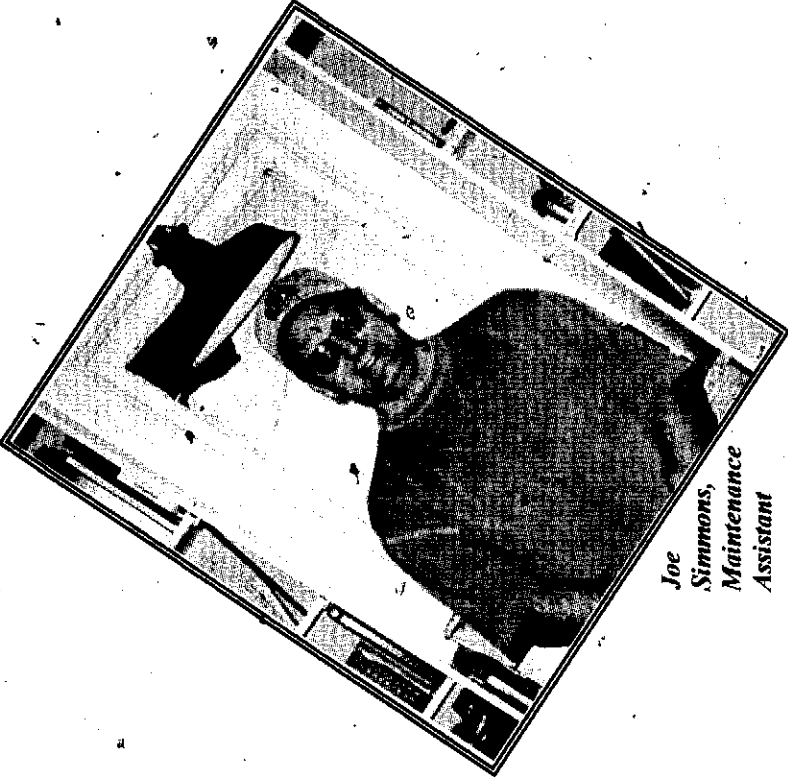
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**Joe  
Simmons,  
Maintenance  
Assistant**

As the Housing Partnership's new Maintenance Assistant, Joe Simmons straightens up a lot of things. Joe joined the staff this fall. He is responsible for the upkeep of all our current affordable and transitional housing units.

"A jack of all trades", by his own description, he is just what we need. "With this job, it's always a learning process. No two days are ever the same," says Joe.

Joe moved to the Fox Cities six years ago. His wife Traci, and eight-year old son Damon, are the center of his life. "The best thing is that this job gives me a part in helping other people make it in this world."



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