



The Cantante singers were one of the highlights of the Thursday evening entertainment at John Elliott Theatre, which marked the first birthday of the Halton Hills cultural centre.

Fund raising drive for Recovery House

By JANE MULLER

A massive fundraising campaign is being launched to finance the purchase of a permanent facility for Halton Recovery House.

Helen Fineran, executive director of the home for the rehabilitation of alcoholics, said that although there is no immediate concern that the current facility may be sold, "reality dictates one day they will find a buyer."

She admits the large rented house in rural Milton provides a "therapeutic setting" but it is "not convenient to transport residents to and from employment."

The aim of the fundraising campaign is to raise \$50,000 for a down payment on a house, large enough to facilitate 12 residents. The existing

home, in operation for six years, has a capacity of nine residents.

A lengthy waiting list indicates to Mrs. Fineran the need for increased accommodations for Halton Recovery House. She contends that 12 residents should be the maximum for concern that the home could become more like an institution.

The home could be located anywhere in Halton but ideally, she would like to see it remain in Milton as the facility is established here and is identified with this community.

The underlying concern that the home will be sold, has prompted Halton Recovery House executive to form a committee to devise a format for fundraising.

A part-time employee has already been hired to compile a list of contacts in the area of service

clubs. These community organizations will be approached personally, following initial introductory correspondence, and asked to contribute to the campaign's financial goal.

In an interview a year ago, Mrs. Fineran suggested a permanent facility could help improve the role of the home. A garden could be established and tended to by residents and work shops would be a possibility.

Red Cross appeal for Lebanese

The International Committee of the Red

Cross has reported that its first appeal for assistance to the victims of the recent hostilities in Lebanon (\$24 million) has been met. This sum covered the cost of emergency relief supplies for the period from June to 31 August 1982.

A new appeal has been launched for another \$24 million to cover the period from 1 September to 31 December, 1982. Since the beginning of the operation, the relief action has been planned and executed in co-operation with local authorities, the UN and voluntary agencies.

Following repeated appeals on the applicability of all four Geneva Conventions to the prevailing situation in Lebanon, ICRC has spared no effort to provide protection and assistance for all the victims of the conflict, in particular to visit and assist all prisoners detained by the various parties to the conflict and to protect and care for vulnerable categories of civilians.

To date ICRC delegates have visited over 7,000 Palestinian prisoners held by Israeli forces at Al Ansur camp, of which 217 children and over 200 adults have been released and reunited with their families with ICRC assistance.

The delegates have also visited some 30 wounded Palestinian prisoners and 300 Syrian prisoners captured by Israeli forces, as well as one Israeli captured by the PLO and two Israelis captured by Syrian forces. Once again, the Canadian Red Cross Society invites anyone wishing to assist the relief program for Lebanon to send a cheque or money order. All donations are tax deductible.

Art at region

The issue of whether the Region of Halton should be involved in art displays was debated at last week's administration and finance committee meeting.

From November 22 to December 31 John van der Hart, an Oakville painter, will be displaying his work on the walls of the region building, prompting councillors to question the region's position.

"Hanging someone's art in a public place is really an endorsement of that artist and I think it's an inappropriate way to proceed," commented Burlington councillor James Grieve.

Burlington councillor Steve Toth supported Grieve, asking councillors if they were becoming art critics. "It should be the Cultural Centres where trained people can judge the art," he said. "A municipal office is not the place."

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