



A BETTER CHANCE IN DARIEN, INC.
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NEWSLETTER

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There's a lot of progress to report on ABC in Darien.

First of all, the fund-raising drive is being carried forward nicely by widespread support. The hundreds of contributions made by individuals, churches, and corporations have pushed the total past the two-thirds mark of the amount needed. And we have a lot of friends we expect to hear from.

Second, the lawsuit by the Florida resident, which was apparently designed to make our work more difficult, will be dealt with vigorously. Our board has determined to proceed on schedule and is in the process of making arrangements with the Congregational Church, which owns the property to be used as the ABC house, to minimize any adverse effects of the litigation.

Third, the selection of six outstanding girls to be this year's ABC students is making good headway. These girls are remarkable in their scholarship, motivation, and sense of purpose and we are convinced will enrich the life of the high school and the community.

Our architect, Gil Lefferts, is now preparing final drawings for the remodeling of the ABC house and we expect the actual construction work to begin before the arrival of summer.

Our resident director, Bill McCarthy and his lovely wife and co-director, will spend a good part of the summer preparing for the girls' arrival in September.

Meanwhile we have committees busy on a wide range of subjects--finance, housing, personnel, student selection, transportation, host families, and nominating.

If you haven't sent in your pledge, please do so. If you need a pledge card, telephone Laurie Pinover at 655-3227. And if you made a contribution for 1981 but would be willing to pledge for 1982 and 1983, that would be even better.

Herbert West
President, ABC Board of Directors

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