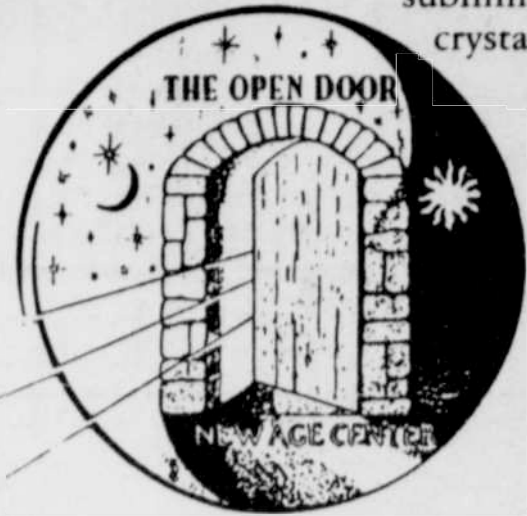


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## Douglas County AIDS/ARC Council defines roles

*DCAC functions as an umbrella organization that is active in all aspects of the HIV epidemic*

BY BILLY RUSSO

During their July meeting, the Douglas County AIDS/ARC Council (DCAC) officers and board members approved two new projects: an agreement will be drawn up between DCAC and Ruby House to define DCAC's role in the residence; and a committee was formed to establish a boarding house for people with HIV disease who are not well enough to hold a job, yet not ill enough to

Ruby House, a "pop and pop" operation, is a residence for people with HIV disease who are no longer able to manage their own lives. The home, licensed for five clients by Senior Services, is a modern, 13-room, single-story house with two full baths and six bedrooms. A network of healthcare workers, legal professionals and gay and lesbian activists volunteer their time and expertise to Ruby House.

A facility where people who are able to manage their own lives, but who lack financial resources, is going to be needed in the near future. Large cities like Medford, Salem and Portland need boarding houses now. Smaller cities like Roseburg, Bend and Coos Bay will need similar projects by 1990.

The idea has been discussed in the local gay men's community for more than a year. Often persons with HIV disease reach a point where they are not well enough to hold a job. According to Oregon law a person who can't work can't collect unemployment benefits. A person who is too well to qualify for Social Security benefits must turn to Adult Family Services, which grants single adults less than \$240 per month. It's obvious that the availability of cheap, safe housing is quickly becoming critical.

Here in Douglas County, DCAC functions as an umbrella organization that is active in all aspects of the HIV epidemic. In addition to these new projects, DCAC maintains a 24-hour helpline, a speaker's bureau and other ongoing education and prevention programs. It is a non-profit corporation staffed by volunteers. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to PO Box 1273, Roseburg, OR 97470. •



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qualify for Social Security benefits. Both projects will be presented to the DCAC membership at the September meeting.

## O B I T U A R I E S

### Tod G. Hutchins

Tod G. Hutchins, 33, died July 9 in Portland. Born at Fort Meade, Maryland, he grew up in eastern Connecticut. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He had lived in Portland for the past three years and was employed by Consolidated Freightways.

During his time here, Tod worked with the Brinker Fund and with the Cascade AIDS Project on a newsletter for PWAs. He enjoyed working in his community garden plot in north-west Portland and was an avid traveler, having visited Scandinavia and the Soviet Union, as well as many spots in the Pacific Northwest.

Son of the late Lois Chapman Hutchins, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Hutchins, Jr., of Mystic, Connecticut; his

sister, Kim H. Millar of Pennington, New Jersey; and his brothers, Mark D. Hutchins of Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Chris L. Hutchins of Marlborough, Massachusetts; and his stepsisters, Tina M. Burgess, Judy M. Bowker and Donna M. Shumate; a stepbrother, John S. Maynard; and several nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held back east at the convenience of the family. A local service was held July 23. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brinker Fund or the Cascade AIDS Project. •

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