

## Housing Report

From Connie Hoffman, SIHA Exec. Dir.

As we begin the New Year, I would like to list two of my hopes for 1996:

\*A long-range, comprehensive housing plan for the Tribe.

\* Law enforcement protection for the residents of our homes and apartments.

One of the tasks facing the Housing Authority commissioners this year is the development of an Administrative Use Agreement with HUD, which will outline how the Housing Authority plans to use the proceeds from the sale of our Mutual Help homes. The equity funds that are being paid by Homebuyers will be available to the Housing Authority to use for future housing development at such a time as the Homebuyers purchase the homes. Within a few years, we will be seeing the first of these homes go into ownership. Even prior to this, the new Indian Housing Regulations allow the Housing Authority to use a portion of our equity funds for other housing purposes. In order for the Housing Commissioners to plan wisely for the use of these funds, they must know the location and type of housing the Tribe wants. The equity funds that we are accumulating can be used to leverage other private financing for the development of housing units that we have come to depend on HUD for. It is likely that

this may be the last year that the traditional HUD housing programs will be available. At our recent meeting of Indian Housing Authorities in the Northwest we debated at length how this last pot of funds should be divided up. The final vote was that all housing authorities should get the opportunity to get a few units, so there will be a limit on

the number of units that can be applied for--five per program--Rental and Mutual Help.

With the completion of our first 26 rental units in the next couple of months, and the addition of 25 more units later this year, the need for law enforcement services for our residents is acute. I feel very ineffective in responding to our residents when they are faced with dangerous, violent, and frightening conditions in their neighborhoods. The present system of law enforcement where we depend on the county sheriff's office is not adequate. A Tribal law enforcement presence, whether through the Tribe's own police department or a contracted service, is needed to assure our residents of a safe living environment for them and their families.

We will be reviewing plans for our next apartment project during the first week in January. When they are approved by Tribal Council they will be circulated for review by the Tribal membership.

Happy New Year!

## HIP PROGRAM

It has been a very productive and bountiful year throughout 1996. I am happy to announce that after two long years our HIP waiver request has been approved and is in operation as of our December 18, 1995 meeting. Our HIP Committee was again outstanding in their work throughout the year. They all worked very hard for the Siletz Tribal members with no compensation. So if you see June Austin, Tom Staggs, Reggie Butler, or Josh Rilatos please just say, Thank You!

Congratulations from the HIP team to Josh and Lisa on their new baby boy.

Applications for Housing Improvement are available for all Siletz Tribal Area offices.

Technical assistance is also available for home purchases and repairs to homes for Tribal members.

"Thank You" to Nelsen Witt and Brenda Bremner for your compassion and hard work. We very much appreciate you and your dedication to provide the very best service possible to Tribal members!!!

### WORDS OF WISDOM

#### from the HIP Team

One sound idea is all that one needs to achieve success. Whatever the mind of a human being can conceive and believe, it can achieve.

Learn to draw to yourself the skills you need to obtain your goals, for yourself and everyone around you.

*Be happy and enjoy your Holidays!*

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Not all the people in this photo (courtesy of Pete Downey) have been identified. It was taken in the early 1900's, below Government Hill (notice the building in the background). Included in the front row are: unknown, Hank Johnson, Sammy Martin, Doc Carter (behind Sammy), Reverend Ross, Billy Umatatta, Indian Agent Choweraft, Skinner Williams & his brother standing to the left, Adolf Tronson, Ed Bensell, and Albert Martin (far right). In the back row: Lucie Dan(?), Wilber Norton (behind), Martha Johnson, Jonny Williams, (some out of order here & some names are missing) Ed Case, Molly Carmichael, Ethel Logan, Charlie Carmichael, Ned Evans & Wife, Stanley Strong, Baldwin Fairchild, Ruby Metcalf (baby), John Adams, Coquille Thompson, Carrie Bensell (Streets), Faye Fitzpatrick, Mary Umatatta, Martha Adams, Adelaide Carnofsky, Lena Tronson.