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Friends,

Open house is tentively scheduled for March 15. We plan to do publiciy and invite people to cime up for coffee, to find ourt what we're about, talk' and maybe become a part of Spruce Run.

A Spruce Run orientation especially in counseling and legal training sessions are planned soon afterwards so that we can, by the end' of March, be a viable going group- finally.

As of now, starting after open house, we have enough volunteers to be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. As more volunteers come, we can expand and compldre our schedule.

At our last Spruce Run meeting, people felt that we shoud rassess whter we're at now, and come up with a structure for operating Spruce Run.

It was felt that we're over-extending ourselves by offe ring services we're not equipped to handle, that we have too few resources to meet; and that we shouldnt lead people to think we can offer more than we actually can provide ie emergency shelter, until we find more homes to put women up in. After discussion, we out lined a program for Spruce Run, based on where were at now, and the number of people involved.

Although the goals of Spruce Run remain the same, we feel that the services Spruce Run can render at this point are:

1. Pro Se counseling and sell the Pro Se Manual
2. Referrals to toher agencies
3. Someone to talk to
4. After training, knowledge about a women's legal rights in Divorce and the people to share that knowledge

Starting immdiatly after the open house we'll be open to provide these services, at first on Tues. and Wed. Aschedule will be made up and sent out soom.

We need to reestablish contact with agencies, do fund raising, and also publici e Spruce Run on the abouve basis.

Also, at our last Friday's meeting, we elected a steering committee. The committee is responsible for setting up the Open House, for establishing some policies and guidelines for Spruce Run, and doing an Oreintation for our volunteers The Sterring Committee members are, at this point: Sue Pace Jude Moody Lulu Chamberland Susan Cory

For the next four months we will have a paid staff person, Susan Cory, which will do much to tie up loose ends and help us get going. She starts work on March 3rd. (The position is being funded through Mainstream with CETA funds)

We hope that Susan can do much to help Spruce Run move ahead to realize our goals. We're planning another cake sale and a Raffle for Easter. The sale will probably be March 29 at the Airport Mall. If you can make anything, or can get friends to, or have some time to donate to work, please let us know. The Raffle prize is a beautiful 2ft high stuffed lamb, and 2 small rabbits. Tickets are 25¢ or 5 for a dollar. If you feel you can sell any, please get in touch or come down to the office. Our Valentine's cake sale netted \$90 !

The office at 44 Central st. is now painted and clean. We're looking for furniture and office equipment, a desk, file cabinet, a couch, bookshelves, and toys. lamps also. Have any ideas?

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 6 between 6 and 8:30. Please come; On the agenda are the Open House arrangements, cake sale, duties for staff person, volunteer training and the organizing of fund raising committee.

We're limiting our meetings to 2 1/2 hours in the early evening in the hopes that more people can come. If you can, please come by.

If you have any questions or would just like to talk about what's happening you can contact:

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