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The Family Society

Wilmington, Delaware

1950

ANNUAL REPORT

Facts About The Family Society

Founded—In 1884 as the Associated Charities of Wilmington, Inc. Present name adopted in 1931.

Purpose—To provide professional counsel and direct assistance to those whose family life is threatened or disturbed because of personal, social, health or economic problems.

Source of Funds—Principally from the United Community Fund of Northern Delaware, Inc., of which The Family Society is a member agency. Funds are also received in the News-Journal Company's annual campaign for Wilmington's 25 Neediest Families.

Organization—The Family Society's regular staff consists of an executive secretary, a case work supervisor, and four professional workers. The clerical staff comprises a bookkeeper, a receptionist, three stenographers and the registrar of The Delaware Social Service Exchange.

Significant 1950 Figures—During the year The Family Society handled 487 cases, involving a total of 1,943 individuals, of whom 1,050 were children under 16 years of age. Financial assistance was given to 130 of these families. Families were referred to the Agency from 37 different sources.

Delaware Social Service Exchange—A card index file, started in 1916 and operated by The Family Society ever since, where agencies may register and clear cases with whom they have had contact. Use of the exchange is available to all social and health agencies.

Fellowships—Since 1937 fellowships have been granted each year to students of the Pennsylvania School of Social Work of the University of Pennsylvania.

Camp Wright—A summer camp for children maintained and operated by The Family Society at its present location since 1921. It is on the Creek Road near Hockessin.

Twenty-Five Neediest Families—A Christmas-time appeal for Wilmington's needy families, initiated in 1924 under the sponsorship of the News-Journal Company. At the request of the sponsor The Family Society selects the cases and administers the funds collected.

Christmas Toy Shop—The Family Society receives toys each year from the Toy For Every Child Committee and other sources, and sets up a toy shop where parents may come and choose presents for their children.

Affiliations—Family Service Association of America, National Conference of Social Work, National Health and Welfare Retirement Association, Inc., Delaware State Conference on Social Work, United Community Fund of Northern Delaware, Inc., and Welfare Council of Delaware, Inc.

The Family Society

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*Resigned in 1950

reliance and opportunity for a fresh start in life have been strengthened through this humanitarian effort of the press, the public, and the Society.

Christmas Activities

The Family Society does not spend any of its General Funds for special Christmas giving.

However, over a period of years of careful planning, school children of the city have been made to feel a partnership with the Society in the giving of Christmas baskets. Each class selected for this work knows the story of the family it has chosen to help. Food and money are collected by the students, and the baskets are made up and distributed with their help.

Individuals and community-spirited groups make monetary contributions for Christmas aid. These are acknowledged and, after the season, each contributor receives a letter from the Secretary advising how the money was spent. In some instances families helped write notes of thanks to the donors.

The Christmas Toy Shop gives the parents of families under the agency's care a chance to plan gifts for their children, which they otherwise might not be able to do. An allotment of several hundred new toys received from the Wilmington Community Christmas Committee and the Engineering Department of the Du Pont Company are displayed at the headquarters in a room decorated through donations of local concerns. Written invitations are sent to the parents, suggesting that they come on a designated day and pick out a toy for each of their children. They are also given candy furnished for the past several years by an unknown donor.

Children's Camp

Camp Wright, the summer camp maintained by The Family Society for deserving and needy children, has been located at its present site, on Creek Road, about two miles from Hockessin, since 1921. It has facilities for fifty children between the ages of six and twelve, inclusive. During an eight-week season, groups of boys and girls alternate for a two weeks stay.

Founded in 1916, Camp Wright has developed gradually until now a regulated program is sustained, whereby each child is responsible for some definite camp duties for which credits are earned toward awards made at the end of each session.

Through the courtesy of the State Board of Health, each child is given a free health examination. A written background summary of each child, including home life, is prepared by a case worker prior to the child's admittance. This report goes to the camp director with each child selected, and a schedule of work and play conforming to the child's ability and inclinations is outlined. Upon the child's return, the director makes a report which the Society discusses with the parents for the child's future guidance.

only that Mr. Smith had failed the family. She felt there was no longer any future for her and her husband together. The case worker knew that Mrs. Smith had to express this resentment before she could replace it with what she really wanted—a home with Mr. Smith as well as the children. With the help of the case worker, Mrs. Smith sorted out these feelings so that they did not seem inconsistent.

When Mrs. Smith finally voiced her wish for her husband's return, she could then proceed to turn it into reality It was not easy for Mrs. Smith to approach her husband but she knew that this was the first step toward reuniting her family. Mr. Smith then realized that his family needed him and wanted him, not just as a wage earner, but as a husband and father. This realization gave him the strength to work toward regaining his health and getting back to his job.

These developments unfolded step by step as the case worker continued working with the family. In a remarkably short time, Mr. Smith rejoined his family and they were able to rediscover a family life together. Mr. and Mrs. Smith know there will be many ups and downs, but feel, too, that they will know better how to meet them.

(2) AN ADOLESCENT'S PROBLEM

Mary Jones was looking forward to her 18th birthday with all the enthusiasm of an adolescent, but, at the same time, she experienced a profound feeling of insecurity. She could not turn to her parents because both had relinquished their responsibility for her several years earlier. Moreover, the help she had received from the children's agency since that time could not continue beyond her 18th birthday. Mary's immediate needs were a home and a job. In addition, she was determined to finish high school. At the suggestion of the children's agency she came to The Family Society for help.

Mary felt it was necessary to make her own attempts to be independent before she could accept the case worker's help. Long hours at a job she found for herself, combined with school, undermined her health. Then it was possible for the case worker to help Mary realize that her pride in attaining adult status and her fear of the responsibilities thus thrust upon her were natural conflicts. Understanding this helped Mary accept the Agency's counsel. Constant support and encouragement such as she would have received in a normal family relationship enabled Mary to understand what independence means and thus to formulate realistic plans for herself.

In a few months, Mary was established in a comfortable home where she worked for her room and board. Although she was under adequate supervision, her measure of independence was respected, and, what was most important to Mary, she was assured of finishing high school.

Camp Wright

The 1950 season was one of the most successful in the long history of Camp Wright. This success was due primarily to the new and remodeled facilities, and the fine administration and direction of the camp program. Mrs. Edith Ross was appointed to work with Mr. Clyde Nelson, the camp director, in coordinating the work of The Family Society staff and the camp personnel.

The two old bunk houses were remodeled and divided into four sleeping units. A new bunk house was constructed, providing two additional sleeping units. These six units now accommodate eight children each, and, for the first time, each bunk house has an indoor lavatory. An entirely new water system was installed which made possible the new lavatories, hot showers, an additional drinking fountain on the play area, and improvements in the kitchen. With these improvements Camp Wright now meets all of the sanitation standards prescribed by the National Camping Association.

A total of 199 children from 146 families attended Camp Wright; 58 of these children were accepted directly from other social agencies in the community. Out of the 199 children there were 35 who had special needs, and who were given the opportunity for more than one period at camp.

We believe that camping means much more than a happy vacation period. Camping provides an experience in democracy, good citizenship, and self-reliance that promotes the child's psychological development.

Girls as well as boys enjoy baseball at Camp Wright. It is a daily feature of The planned sports program in which 84 girls, 115 boys participated in 1950.

THE FAMILY SOCIETY, INC.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 1951

REVENUE:

United Community Fund	$ 58,000.00
Journal-Every Evening 25 Neediest Families	9,636.95
Income from investments	4,336.88
Camp fees and contributions	1,227.14
Miscellaneous	491.03
	$ 73,692.00

EXPENDITURES:

Service, salaries, and assistance	$ 23,954.08
Journal-Every Evening 25 Neediest Families	9,636.95
Administrative:	
Executive and office salaries	9,062.33
Rent, insurance, and office expense	10,473.14
Social service exchange	2,321.70
Equipment	292.85
Camp operating expenses	8,780.05
Camp repairs	3,472.36
	$ 67,993.46

Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures To Be Returned To The United Community Fund ..... **$ 5,698.54**

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URPOSE

To provide professional casework service to those whose family life is threatened or disturbed because of personal, social, health or economic problems.

AMP WRIGHT

For children whose parents could not otherwise afford a summer camp. Maintained and operated since 1921 by The Family Society on the Creek Road near Hockessin, Delaware.

ELAWARE SOCIAL SERVICE EXCHANGE

The Exchange, a card index maintained by The Family Society prevents duplication of Delaware welfare services to individuals.

ELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Since 1937, two fellowships have been granted each year to students of the Pennsylvania School of Social Work of the University of Pennsylvania.

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FFILIATIONS

Family Service Association of America, National Conference of Social Work, Delaware State Conference of Social Work, Welfare Council of Delaware.

Service 1951

475 families received service:

They represented 2,076 individuals, including 1,128 children under 16

They required an average of 5 interviews each

113 families received financial assistance

The 475 families came to the agency through:

Their own knowledge - - - -	50%
Referral from local agencies - - -	30%
Friends formerly served by the agency	9%
Professional people, including ministers, doctors, lawyers - -	5%
Other sources - - - - - - - -	6%

93 families were referred to other local agencies

212 children attended Camp Wright

FAMILY SERVICE

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Because . . .

It helps to promote family life, essential in child development.

It helps restore troubled people to useful citizenship.

It helps solve today's family problems so they will not become tomorrow's community responsibilities.

and

Because . . .

It reminds us constantly that serious trouble may come to **anyone**; that we must understand and share community problems.

Marital Trouble

Several years ago, Mr. B. made a mistake he regretted. Mrs. B., however, could not forget and kept the issue alive. Suspicion and mistrust colored their relationship. Mr. and Mrs. B. were referred to The Family Society by their attorney for help in saving their marriage.

Parent-Child Relationship

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. T. and her 15-year-old Susan lived alone. When Mrs. T. remarried, Susan was upset, began to stay out at night, and neglected her school work. Mrs. T. understood the trouble but did not know what to do about it.

Individual Adjustment

Miss S. was expecting a baby and had no one to turn to; she was frightened and discouraged. She needed help through this crisis and in working out plans for herself and the baby.

Illness

Mr. D. needed someone to help him understand his wife's mental illness, and to help him keep their home together while she was hospitalized.

Employment and Vocational Adjustment

Mr. C. was worried about his inability to hold a job. When he was fired he blamed his employers. He finally decided, however, they couldn't "all be wrong," and asked for help in determining what part of the trouble was his fault.

Economic Pressure

Mr. F. was a hard worker, and was able to supply his family with the day-to-day necessities, but there was nothing to spare for emergencies or future planning. Worried constantly, he asked for agency help while preparing himself for a better job promising more security.

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Service 1952

541 families received service:

They represented 2,208 individuals, including 1,305 children under 16;

They required an average of 5 interviews each;

118 families received financial assistance.

The 541 families came to the agency through:

Their own knowledge	52%
Referral from local agencies	26%
Individuals, including ministers, doctors, lawyers, neighbors and friends	19%
Other sources	3%

91 families were referred to other local agencies.

220 children attended Camp Wright.

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Homemaker Service — New in 1952

A mother's serious illness or temporary absence from the home is a real problem, particularly to the newcomer in the community who is without relatives or close friends. A homemaker, or mother substitute, is temporarily placed in the home so that the children may remain in their own familiar surroundings. When circumstances permit, the family pays a fee for this service in direct proportion to its income.

The homemaker, experienced in household operation and child care, is an employee of The Family Society, and her service is a part of the casework program of the agency. Homemaker Service is simply another way in which The Family Society helps to preserve and strengthen family life. ***It is a community service of prime importance.***

Marriage Counselling

Differences in background that had seemed unimportant during courtship caused serious trouble the first two years of Mr. and Mrs. C.'s marriage. A friend advised them to discuss their difficulties with The Family Society. Through skillful counselling they found the way to a happier, more mature marriage relationship.

Illness

Mrs. F. had to have an emergency operation. Relatives were unable to care for her four children, and Mr. F. could not take time from work because the family budget was already severely strained. A homemaker kept the home going during Mrs. F.'s absence, and remained until Mrs. F. was able to care for her family again.

Individual Adjustment

After the death of her husband, Mrs. T. was so worried about finances and family responsibilities that her work suffered. Her employer referred Mrs. T. to The Family Society for the counselling and encouragement she needed during the difficult period of readjustment.

Financial Troubles

Mr. O. was hospitalized for a long time. Forced to give up their home, Mrs. O. placed their three children with one relative and lived with another. When Mr. O. was released, he was determined to return to his former strenuous work, which was strictly forbidden by his doctor. A caseworker's patient counselling helped Mr. O. accept the necessity of suitable work. This guidance, supplemented with financial assistance, enabled the couple to re-establish their home.

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650 FAMILIES RECEIVED SERVICE IN 1953

495 families received casework service:

They represented 1,890 individuals, including 887 children under 16;

They included 150 families also helped by other social agencies;

They required from 1 to 24 interviews each: 143 families received short term financial assistance.

The 495 families came to the agency through:

Their own knowledge	43%
Referral from local agencies	33%
Interested friends	14%
Professional people, including ministers, doctors, lawyers, teachers	5%
Other sources	5%

155 families used Camp Wright

219 children attended camp:

83 boys and girls, 6 to 8½ years of age;

136 boys and girls, 9 to 12 years of age.

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In order to benefit a community, the service offered must be needed, and must be widely understood. Family counseling, marriage counseling, and homemaker service are needed by many families to meet the complexities of modern life. In 1953, The Family Society published a pamphlet, SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?, describing its services. A copy is enclosed with this report, and additional copies are available upon request. Doctors, ministers, lawyers, local agencies and others in the community will find this pamphlet helpful in explaining our services to troubled families.

Family Counseling

The J.'s, an elderly couple, were worried about the future. Mr. J. was diabetic and Mrs. J. was concerned because she was unable to give him the nursing he needed. Both were fearful of any plan that would mean separation. Discussion of these anxieties with a counselor enabled the J.'s to consider a nursing home for Mr. J., and Mrs. J. to face the adjustment this change would demand of her—living alone for the first time in 60 years of married life. Mr. and Mrs. J. were not only able to carry out this plan, but also found satisfaction in the constructive way they had handled this heartbreaking experience.

Mr. and Mrs. M., a very young couple, were just learning how to raise their small children when Mrs. M.'s teen-age brother, Bob, came to live with them. Bob had trouble accepting this young couple as parent substitutes, while it was difficult for Mrs. M. to understand his behavior. A neighbor suggested The Family Society. The M.'s and Bob saw a counselor weekly, and were helped to clarify their relationship. As their mutual understanding improved, the day-to-day tensions became more bearable.

Marriage Counseling

Mr. and Mrs. R. were separated for the second time in eight years of marriage. Their problems seemed almost insurmountable. They were completely discouraged when a friend suggested that they discuss their difficulties with a marriage counselor. The R.'s were skeptical, but feeling that anything that might save their marriage was worth a trial, they came together to The Family Society. Through several months' counseling, they gradually found that they could meet halfway on some of the issues where compromise had seemed impossible. This gave them courage to try living together again, and they have been finding new promise in their marriage as they have been able to work together on problems that previously separated them.

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888 FAMILIES RECEIVED SERVICE IN 1954

754 families received casework service:

They represented 2,594 individuals, including 1,233 children under 16;

They included 281 families also helped by other social agencies:

They required from 1 to 25 interviews each;

119 families received short term financial assistance.

The 754 families came to the agency through:

Their own knowledge	46%
Referral from local agencies	27%
Interested friends	20%
Professional people, including ministers, doctors, lawyers, teachers	4%
Other sources	3%

134 families used Camp Wright

223 children attended camp:
81 boys and girls, 6 to 8½ years of age;
142 boys and girls, 9 to 12 years of age.

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MARRIAGE COUNSELING is an important part of The Family Society's service to the community. In 1954, 178 families came to the agency asking for help with marital problems.

The professionally trained staff participates regularly with the agency's psychiatric consultant in planned seminars. Consultation with this specialist on the more complex problems insures

FAMILY COUNSELING can help people in many ways. The agency's staff provides casework service in the whole range of family problems. Here are a few of those problems:

- A wife says, "My husband gripes about the way I care for our three children, the way I look, and about my housekeeping. Nothing I do is right, according to him."
- "The doctor says I must have an operation. Who will care for my children while I am in the hospital?"
- "Mother is too feeble to stay alone and we haven't room for her."
- "My wife says we don't go out enough, but when I suggest going out she is too tired or hasn't anything to wear. I don't understand her."
- "I don't know where to turn. I can't tell my parents that I am expecting a baby. I'm so confused."
- "My son's teachers report he is always creating disturbances in school."
- "I like and need my job but I can't get along with my boss."
- "Money is at the bottom of our trouble. There never is enough and we can't decide how to spend what we have."
- "Our first three years of marriage were pretty good, but she doesn't seem to care for me any more; only for the children."

Family counseling is confidential and by appointment, available to all who want it.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

HOMEMAKER SERVICE

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CAMP WRIGHT

A summer camp near Hockessin, Del., for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14. A Welfare Council study undertaken at the request of Family Service recommended cooperative sponsorship. We are now entering the second year of such an arrangement with the West End Neighborhood House. One hundred ninety-six children from 125 families and four social agencies attended last summer.

DELAWARE SOCIAL SERVICE EXCHANGE

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COUNSELING SERVICES

To help individuals and families whose normal family life is threatened or disturbed. This help is offered on a professional basis through personal counseling service and through participation in community activities that are directed to the well-being of the family.

IN 1955

665 families received casework service:

What were their primary problems?

- Marital difficulties 22%
- Disturbed family relationships 9%
- Temporary care of children 19%
- Economic distress 41%
- and others . . .
  - Inadequate housing
  - Physical and mental illness
  - Infirmities of age 9%

How did we help?

- Through 2,801 counseling interviews
- Through placement of a homemaker with 34 families
- Through financial aid to 119 families
- Through referral of 200 families to other community resources

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Our service to the community goes beyond direct service to families in trouble. In 1955, our professional staff discussed various family and social problems with 26 different groups — at their request.

As a member agency of the Welfare Council of Delaware, we were represented on committees concerned with strengthening and extending social service to families through the various social and health agencies. Problems studied included service to the unmarried mother, the aged, and the non-resident; housing, home care for the physically ill, and emergency shelter care for women and children.

WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME, th second such change in the 72 years of ou existence. Founded in 1884 as Associate Charities, the agency's primary objectiv as the name implied, was the giving financial and material aid to the distresse and needy. By 1925 we were recognizin dependence not necessarily as a lack material possessions, but also as failure achieve personal and social adjustmen With this new approach to helping familie the agency began to offer personal cou seling as well as financial assistanc Adoption in 1931 of the name, Fami Society, reflected this change in the ph osophy of the agency.

Now, as **Family Service of Northern Del ware,** we have again tried to define ev more clearly the scope of our activities, bo professionally and geographically. Belie ing that family trouble is no respector economic status -- does not bear a $ si so to speak -- we offer our professior counseling service to **any** family or indivi ual in the community. Family Service h seen a lot of living in its 72 years, and looks forward to an ever broadening serv to those in trouble.

We are getting used to our new name. hope you will soon become familiar w it too.