

OPTIMISTS START FUND DRIVE FOR BOY'S HOME

Optimists throughout Southern Nevada have embarked on a fund-raising drive to open a boys' home for Clark County.

According to local officials, there is a "crying need" for such a facility in the area, primarily to accommodate young boys with home-life problems.

"Very definitely there is a need for a community-based alternate living situation," said Juvenile Judge John Mendoza, "to give us an opportunity to work with a child and his parents, and to work toward solutions of their problems without completely uprooting the boy from his environment."

"These are runaways truants and boys who have problems because of unsettled home life for a number of reasons," Judge Mendoza said. "Sometimes it is because of a divorce, and there is only one parent who must work; sometimes it is because of re-marriage and difficulties of adjustment between a boy and a new step-father or mother, and sometimes it is because of either too little or too much supervision."

"To send the boy to an institution 600 miles away is not always the solution," the judge added. "If we can keep the boys in the community, close to their families, schools and their familiar environment, we can dissolve the barriers that exist more effectively."

All nine of the Optimist clubs of Clark County are participating in the project, according to Walt Featherston, president of the Downtown Optimists and chairman of the fund campaign.

This is in keeping with an area-wide campaign of the Optimists, in which several other boys' homes are operated by the civic organization in other cities of the southwest.

The goal of the local drive is \$50,000, which will be used to purchase the required property and convert it to use as the Optimists' Boys' Home of Clark County.

Featherston said it will accommodate from 6 to 8 boys, and will be staffed by a qualified couple in residence.

According to Nat Adler, finance and ticket chairman, the funds will be raised through the



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sale of \$1 donation tickets on a drawing to be held at the Elks Club October 15.

The prize will be a valuable 5-acre parcel of land in Blue Diamond, which has been donated to the Optimists by Featherston. The winner will have the option of taking the land or \$5,000 in cash.

Adler, who was

recently elected a director of the Downtown Optimists, said every cent of the funds raised will be used to purchase and equip the property for the home.

Persons interested in obtaining tickets should contact Adler, whose offices are located at 2221 Paradise Road, and whose telephone number is 735-3444.

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