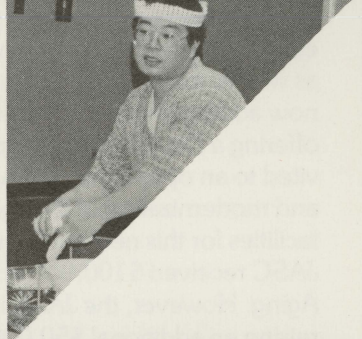
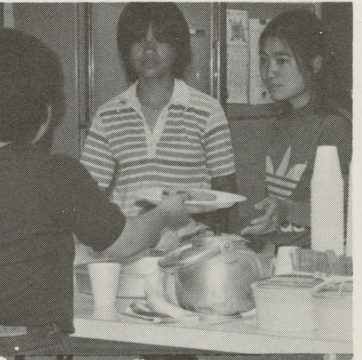
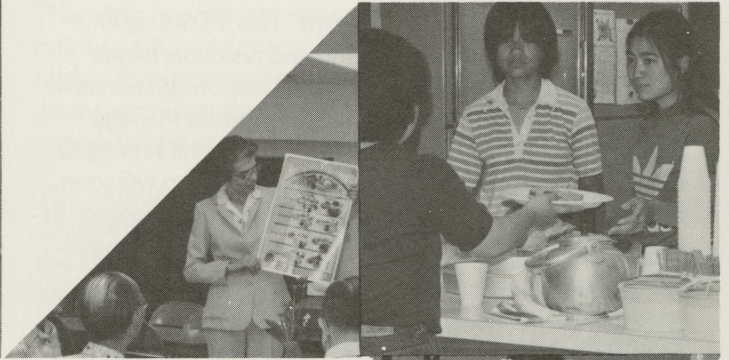
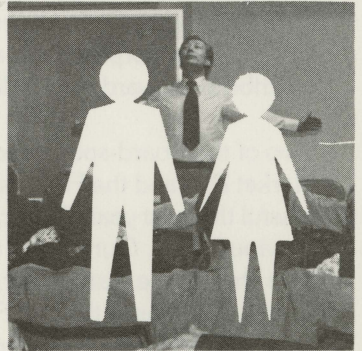
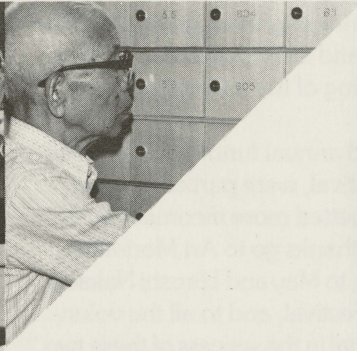
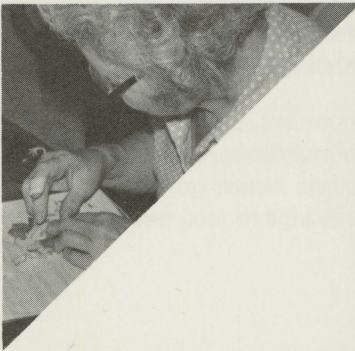


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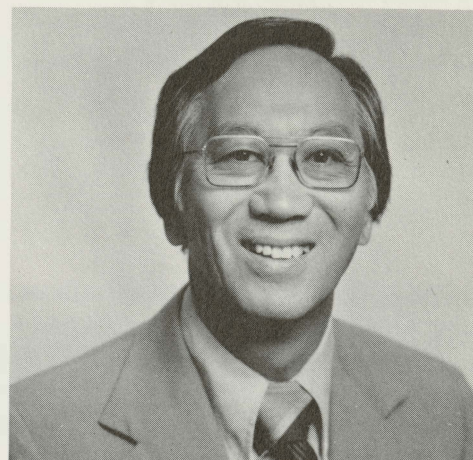
President's Report

When the founders of the Chicago Resettlers Committee initiated a self-help effort in 1945 to assist Americans of Japanese ancestry resettle in Chicago from World War II relocation camps, little did they realize what the agency would become. The Japanese American Service Committee, as it is now known, is not only a sophisticated agency with an annual budget in excess of \$700,000 but also a model for ethnically based social service delivery. In 35 years the JASC has become an increasingly vital force for service to the total Japanese community of the Chicago area and to the Lakeview, Uptown, and Edgewater communities. During this past year the JASC has made additional gains and progress, which we are happy to share with you in this Annual Report.

One highlight of the past year's activities — and certainly the JASC's most exciting accomplishment since its own inception — is the completion of the Heiwa Terrace housing development for senior citizens. This \$6,400,000 edifice was completed this spring and residents began moving in this summer. Management responsibilities have been shifted from the JASC to Steven Jerold Management Associates, Inc., with George Maruyama serving as the local building manager. A Japanese garden will soon be constructed at the corner of Sheridan and Lawrence to put the finishing touches on the attractive 200-unit building.

For many years the JASC has instituted the Issei comprehensive program to assist in alleviating problems of the elderly. It is designed to attend to the social and emotional as well as the physical needs of aged Isseis. The JASC is now adding another dimension to assist the Isseis by offering a Day Care Center program. The public was invited to an open house on April 19 to view the renovation and modernization of the agency to accommodate the facilities for this new program. For the renovation the JASC received \$100,000 from the Illinois Department of Aging. However, the JASC is currently in the process of raising an additional \$50,000 to meet the stringent city code requirements. The agency expresses gratitude to the organizations, corporations, and individuals who have contributed toward the funding of the renovation.

Two of the Board-sponsored annual fund-raising events, Market Day and the Fuji Festival, were particularly successful this past year. They netted more income than in previous years. Our sincere thanks go to Art Morimitsu, who chaired the Market Day, to May and Hiroshi Nakano, co-chairpersons of the Fuji Festival, and to all the volunteers who were so instrumental in the success of these two fund-raising efforts.



All of the progress made this past year would not have been possible without the dedication of the Board and staff, whose members have given so generously of their time and energies to assure that the agency is on target in terms of meeting human needs. We are grateful, too, to the many volunteers who make it possible for our work to be extended to many more people than can be served by a small staff. We especially wish to recognize the strong and dynamic leadership of Masaru Nambu, our Executive Director. Mr. Nambu has worn two hats in the past many months. He has devoted many hours to the administration and coordination of Heiwa Terrace during the last four years — tantamount to a full-time job. In addition to administering the JASC staff, he has also assumed the responsibility of being the chief fund raiser for the agency. We are tremendously grateful for this creativity, zeal, and enthusiasm, which serves as an inspiration to all. Lastly, we count our many friends and supporters for their continued interest in helping the agency improve the quality of life in this city.

— Thomas S. Teraji, 1979-80 President,
Board of Directors.

Executive Director's Report

The time has come again to share with you what the Japanese American Service Committee has accomplished during the past year, the priorities we pursued, and the concerns we have had.

Renovation to accommodate an Adult Day Care Center and to provide an enlarged meeting space for community groups was completed in March. Funds for this project were made available through Title V of the Older American Act in the amount of \$100,000, with a number of individuals, corporations, and foundations contributing additional funds.

After a long delay and a bureaucratic struggle, we saw the opening of the Adult Day Care Center in September. We received program initiation funds totaling \$20,000 from the Chicago Community Fund, and additional start up funds will be provided by the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago.

Upon completion of Heiwa Terrace, a 200-unit apartment building located at Lawrence and Sheridan, senior citizens and handicapped persons began moving in, with full occupancy expected to be reached by the end of summer. The JASC has been extending its services to the residents, and more complete arrangements for formal service will be made during the coming year.

After successful completion of the assessment of vocational rehabilitation services needed among the ethnic minorities in the Uptown, Lakeview, and Lincoln Park communities, the JASC was awarded a \$82,000 grant to implement the plans that were derived from the study. Since the beginning of the project, the JASC has operated an outpost at the Uptown National Bank and accomplished its first-year goal and expects to continue making a valuable contribution in meeting the needs of minority groups throughout the second year. The project is called the Chicago Minority Access Center (CMAC).

Since all rehabilitation facilities were required to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), our rehabilitation staff endeavored to meet the high standards set by CARF. I am very proud to report that the JASC received the maximum three-year accreditation.

The adverse trend in the economy has brought about difficulty in providing sufficient work programs for the Sheltered Workshop clients, and we are girding ourselves to meet another year of tight economy.



There has been improvement in raising funds from corporations and foundations. I intend to pursue this matter further in the coming year, as excellent and unique programs cannot endure on their merit alone; they must be supported by sound financial resources.

The uniqueness and effectiveness of the JASC are achieved through the efforts of everyone involved in the life of the agency. We could not have come as far as we have without the dedication of our staff, the strong support from our Board of Directors, and the selfless assistance provided by nearly 100 volunteers who have given their energy and time so generously throughout the year. I wish to convey my heartfelt appreciation to all who have taken part in the important team work.

— Masaru Nambu/Executive Director

Social Service

The Social Service Department has been involved in individual and family counseling; information and referral services; educational, cultural, and social programs; homemaker services; hot lunch programs; health related programs, and a library.

All age groups are served by the educational and cultural programs. An increasing number of Niseis — a total of 708 in the past year — are participating in the programs, which include the following: flower arrangement, Karutakai, English, cooking, ceramics, body dynamics, party-time, arts and crafts, amimono, Japanese, lectures, movies, shodo and penji, oshie, harie, temari, kami-ningyo, family tree studies, defensive driving, quilting, and relaxation. Our art classes produced three award winners at the Buckingham Fountain Art Fair in 1979.

The social program took participants to the Arlington Race Track, Nielsen's Restaurant, Triton College, Museum of Science and Industry, Lake Lawn Resort, Lake Geneva for boat rides, Octoberfest, Lambs Farm, and a picnic.

Some 14,157 hot lunches were served on weekdays in the past year to persons 60 years old and older. They are contributing 75¢ to \$1.25 for the lunch, depending on their ability to pay.

The health-related program included monthly blood pressure checks, a dental clinic, an eye clinic, flu shots, diabetic detection tests, glaucoma tests, body dynamics, a relaxation class, and lectures on health care.

In-home services — cleaning, shopping, laundry, cooking and escort service — were made available to homebound clients. A total of 2,689 home visits were made during the past year, serving 71 Isseis, 18 Niseis, 20 Japanese nationals, 5 other Japanese, 2 other Asians, and 35 others. The high quality of service has been recognized by many public agencies, which have been referring more and more clients to our agency.

JASC social workers made 4,459 contacts with clients — 2,192 with Isseis; 825, Niseis; 29, Sanseis; 299, other Japanese; 150, Japanese nationals; 541, other Asians; and 423, others — in the counseling program.

The staff of 18 includes professional social workers, homemakers, group workers, teachers, and aides. Under the direction of the staff, over 80 volunteers make it possible for the JASC to carry out its many programs. Out of the ranks of the volunteers come instructors, hot lunch helpers, doctors and nurses, friendly visitors, interpreters, helpers for special events, homemaker volunteers, and those skilled in arts and crafts to make handicraft items for Market Day and Pre-Christmas Sale.

Group sessions for the Korean elderly who are in the Work Center program were new services offered during the past year to help these people adjust to the new life in the United States.

The Day Care Center for the Elderly was finally scheduled to start in September. The program will include recreational, social, and other cultural activities, general nursing, rehabilitation and therapy, self care training and health maintenance program, nutrition service, transportation, and supportive services. The maximum participants per day will be 25 in order to provide quality service.

Many referrals have been coming from Heiwa Terrace for casework and in-home services.

The Social Service Department receives part of its support from the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, the Office for Senior Citizens and Handicapped, and the Illinois Art Council.

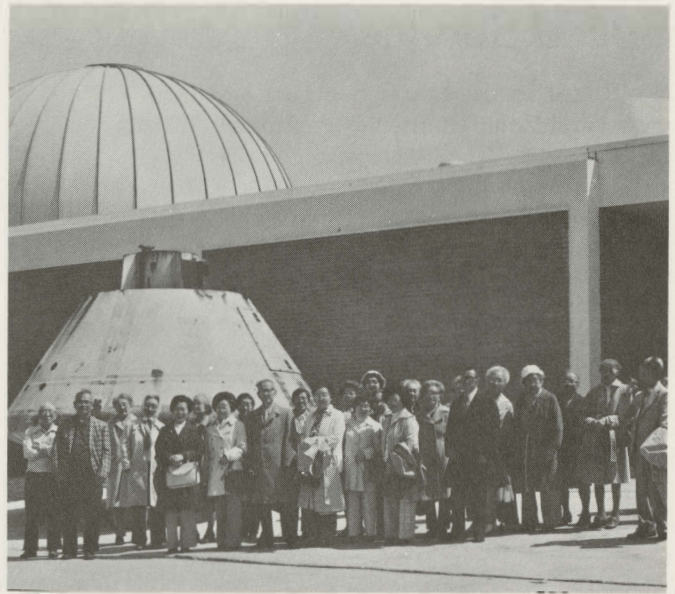


JASC Programs

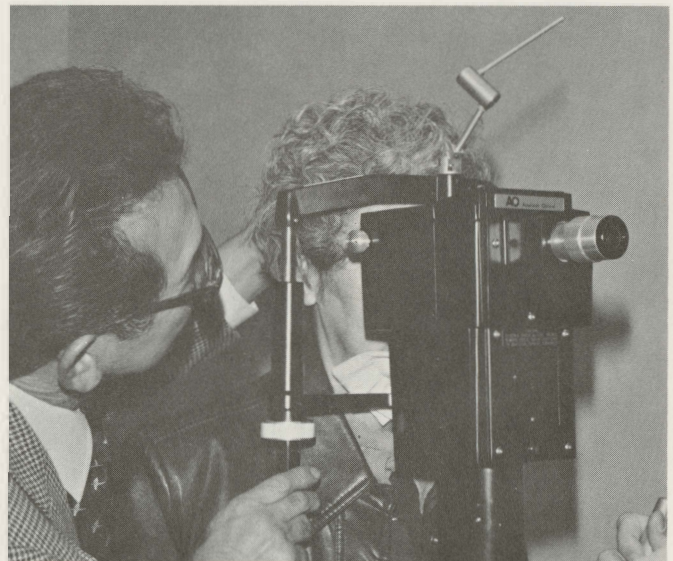




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Issei Social Program Outings



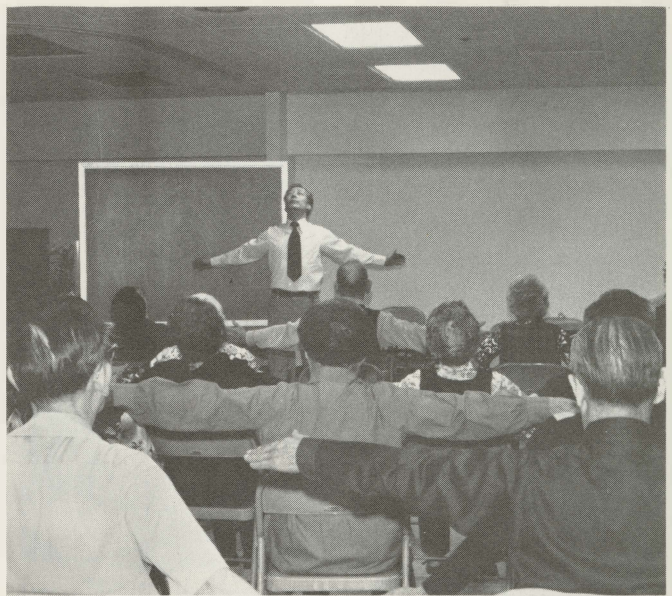
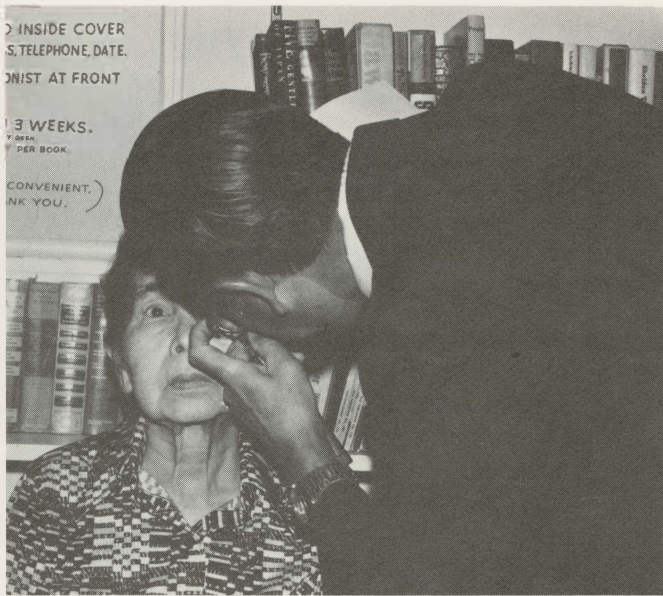
Glaucoma Tests



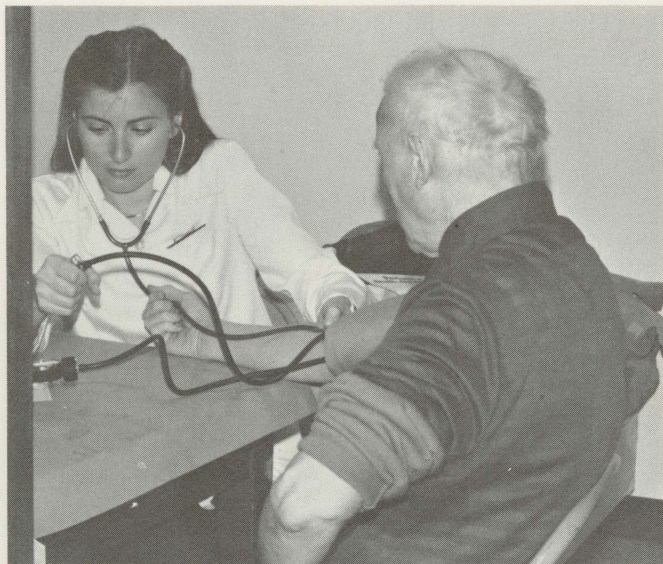
Blood Pressure Tests



Nutrition Class



Body Dynamics

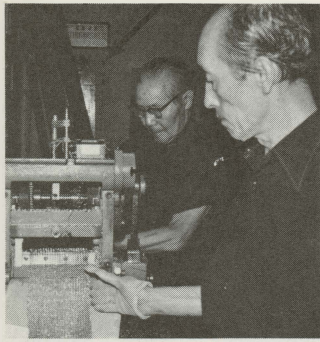


Open House at JASC

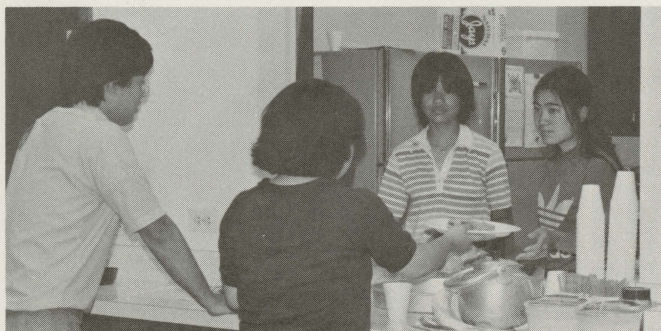
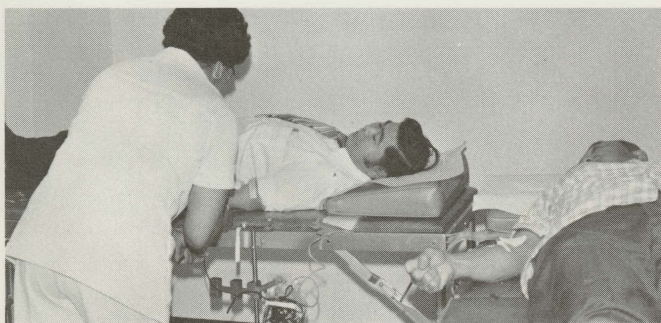


Counseling





Sheltered Workshop



Blood Assurance Program

Sheltered Work Center

The JASC Senior Citizens Work Center continued to provide an effective therapeutic work program and services that helped elderly clients cope with the physical and psychological problems that accompany advanced age. In addition to the important work activity, the clients receive assistance in dealing with social isolation, health problems, and depression.

Other programs are also offered to the Workshop clients, such as social programs, health maintenance programs, and counseling. Recently the Work Center has been serving other Asian elderly such as Koreans, Chinese, and Filipinos. It is a vital adjunct to the Edgewater Uptown Comprehensive Community Mental Center, serving former mental patients in the target areas and the clients referred from the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Service (DORS). The recently established Chicago Minority Access Center works closely with the Work Center in serving the minority groups who need vocational services from DORS.

Blood Assurance Program

An important benefit derived by members of the Japanese American Service Committee is coverage for themselves and members of their immediate family by the Blood Assurance Program.

Two drives are conducted during the year to collect our annual quota of 240 pints. A total of 118 pints was collected at the first collection on June 23. On this occasion, seven persons who have been regular donors became gallon givers.

The second collection will take place in November. However, donations will be accepted at the Michael Reese Blood Center in behalf of the JASC Blood Assurance Program any time. We encourage members and nonmembers to donate blood for this worthy cause.

Heiwa Terrace

As work on Heiwa Terrace proceeded in 1979-80, more than 250 applicants were interviewed and screened. An Open House in April brought prospective residents to Heiwa Terrace to view some of the completed apartments. By early July, 121 units were occupied and leases for 19 additional units had been signed.

Furniture for the lobby, offices, dining room, and other public areas on the ground floor began arriving in July. A striking ceramic mural depicting Genji Emaki, the origi-

nal of which is in the Boston Museum, adorns a wall of the lobby. This work of art was donated by the Otsuka Chemical company.

Administrative duties that had been handled by the JASC throughout the construction of Heiwa Terrace have been turned over to Steven Jerold Management Associates, Inc. A manager, assistant manager, engineer, and maintenance person have been hired to operate and maintain the building.



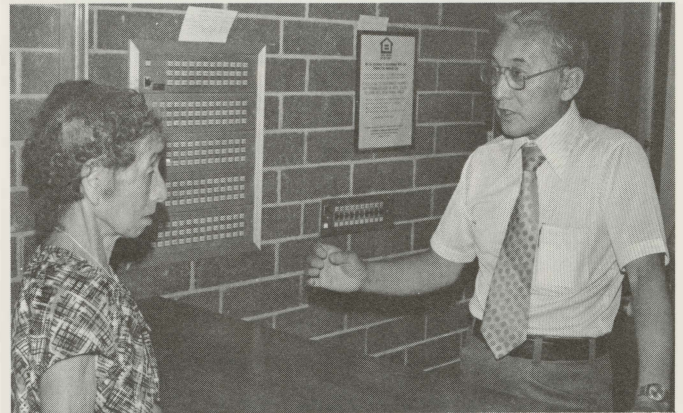
Residents in the Lobby



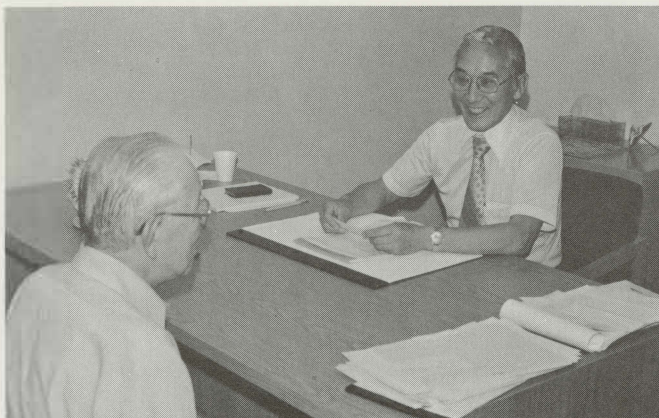
Front Entrance



Resident at Mailbox



Manager with Resident at Front Desk



Manager in his Office



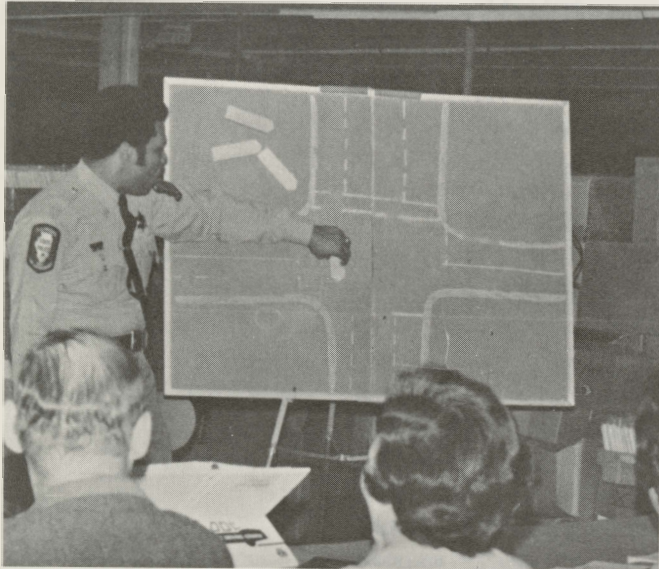
Manager visits Resident in her Apartment



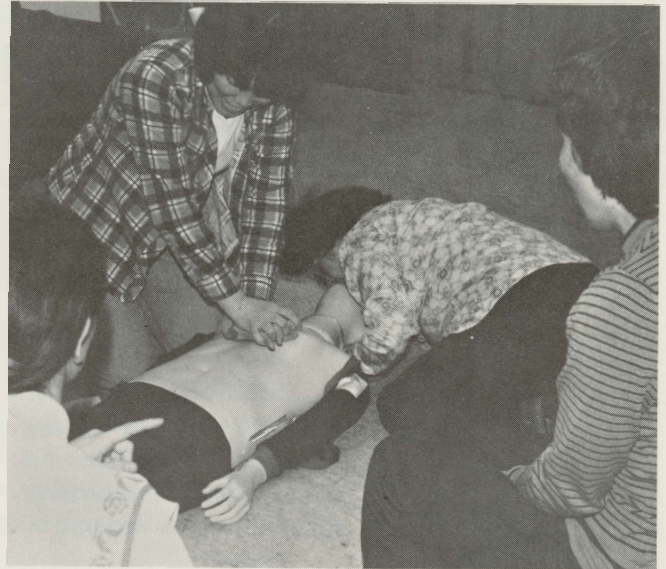
President Tom Teraji giving his Report



Volunteers being Recognized



Defensive Driving Class



CPR Class



Market Day



Sushi Making Demonstration at the JASC

Japanese American Service Committee

Current Unrestricted Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the year ended
June 30, 1980

Revenue:

Philanthropic Support	\$ 84,000
Government Support	208,000
Sheltered Workshop	280,000
Others	<u>61,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$633,000</u>

Expenses:

Program Services	\$559,000
Supporting Services	<u>108,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$667,000</u>
Deficiency	<u><u>\$(34,000)</u></u>

The 1980 fiscal year shows a deficit of \$34,000. A substantial portion of the deficit was caused by sheltered workshop sub-contract income and foundation contributions not meeting budgeted levels.

The above amounts do not include revenue and expenses in our restricted funds. A copy of our complete financial statements, certified by Gale, Takahashi & Channon, can be viewed at our office.

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