Funding Updates

As always there are many people to thank for financially supporting AIM in order that we may continue to provide family services to mothers in prison and their children. We are pleased to announce that the Shawmut Bank has printed this and the last issue of Staying Together. Our newsletter is the primary means we have of letting our friends know what is new at AIM. Thank you, Shawmut Bank, for your support.

AIM is grateful for the generous support of the Sarah Hyams Fund, the Massachusetts Bar Association, Raytheon Corporation, Agnes Lindsay Trust, Frank Peter's Trust, Weber Charities, Haymarket People's Fund, Poor People's United Fund, Zayre Corporation, General Motors and the Clipper Ship Foundation.

Over the past few months we have received generous donations from the Old South Church Outreach Committee, the Framingham Emblem Club, Building #19, the Sudbury United Methodist Church, St. Francis de Sales Church in Roxbury, the Passionist Nuns, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Saint Anne and Mercy, the Roman Catholic Archbishop, the American Baptist Church, the Waban Church, Meredith Associates and the law firm of Serota, Katz, Sasson and Hoose, and Saint Andrews Church in Framingham.

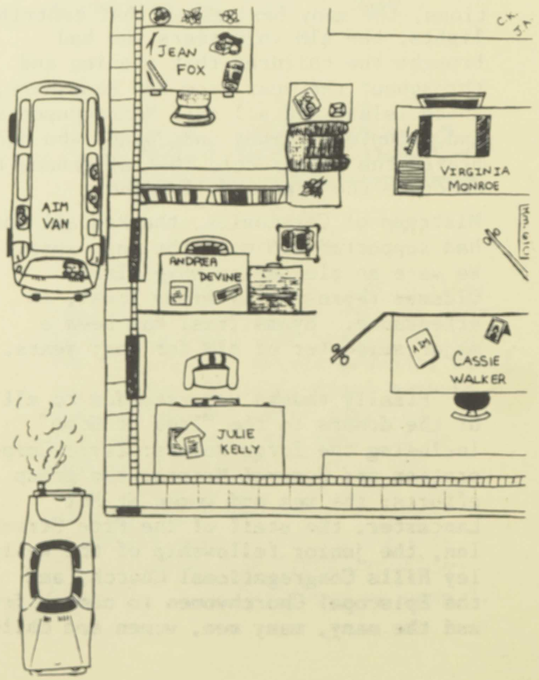
Finally we wish to thank all the individuals that support AIM especially Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, Paul and Nancy Tanguay, Paul and Barbara Rosenkrantz, Robert O'Shea, Paul and Judith Gass, Alice Walker, Jerry Dunfey, Jean MacRae and Alan Rudnick.

Moving Day

On February 11, a very snowy day, AIM moved its offices to 88 Tremont Street. We invite you to stop by and visit. We are on the 6th floor, Room 610. Many thanks to Mykelle Warren and her friends Stephen Roberts and Brad Kimble whose help on moving day was invaluable. Also thanks to volunteers from the Sterling Institute and Charlotte House who helped with the packing. It is amazing what you can accumulate over several years! Finally thanks to Mr. Dana Shattuck at Tremont Temple (our new home) and his staff who helped moving in. We enjoyed our stay at Saint Paul's Cathedral and we will miss Dean Kennedy and the staff of Saint Paul's.

Please note our new address and telephone number:

88 Tremont Street, Rm.610
Boston, Ma. 02108
(617) 523-5856



New Program for AIM's Kids!

The mothers who are involved in AIM's Mother's Group should be very proud of the program they acheived for their children. In the late Fall the women collaborated on a proposal to the Superintendent. The proposal requested that their children have the opportunity to visit their mother's room. The mothers wrote that it would be a comfort for the children to see where their mothers lived. In December the proposal was approved, with plans for cottage tours to begin in January.

Over the winter, on Wednesday van nights, AIM's children toured their mother's cottage and the work and education areas. Arrangements were also made for cottage visits for children coming with volunteers.

The visits have proven to be a good experience for the children. One little girl was overjoyed as she told Jean Fox: "I got to try on my mommy's (high) heels." These simple pleasures meant a great deal to the visiting children. The children also expressed much interest in the educational programs that are available.

Back in the Mother's group the women are discussing follow-up to the visits: how to answer the children's questions and help them understand. Mothers and staff are working on new ideas to help make visits to the prison a positive experience. As a result of this Jerri Robinson from the Children's Museum has been sharing her ideas for the Volunteer and Transportation progra A special thanks goes to Jerri and the Boston Children's Museum for their help.

Volunteer News

On May 3rd, Laverne Saunders will be conducting a workshop for volunteers on reality therapy. We have had Laverne before and she is terrific. Volunteers will be receiving notices, but you can call for info at 523-5856.

Special thanks are in order for Christine Kelly and Jackie Almeida, two teens who designed our last appeal leaflet. Also thanks to Liz DiCarlo, Mykelle Warren, Lynn Foster and Molly Lovelock who have provided fundraising assistance over the Fall and Winter.

The AIM Community Advisory Board has met regularly over the winter at MCI Framingham. We want to thank everyone for getting out on those cold nights to attend meetings. Our next full Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for May 13th. Don't forget to call ahead for a ride!

After five years of dedicated service, Judy Shaw will be leaving AIM. Judy has been instrumental in making many many visits happen between a mother in prison and her child. She has been active in the Volunteer Training Program and has helped with fundraising events. Judy's assistance will be deeply missed. We wish her great luck in her future endeavors!