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Someone who cares
Sent to 15 Publications

Editor
The Journal of AMA
535 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Editor:

We believe your readers will be interested in learning about a new film in the area of mental health. It is described in the enclosed announcement.

Should you or your staff wish to view this film in order to prepare a review, we shall be happy to forward a preview print to you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Richardson
Audio-Visual Center

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Dear _____

*It is designed
primarily for use
by organized mental
health action groups
throughout the country.*

The enclosed announcement describes a new I.U. film -- Someone Who Cares. This film is much more specialized in content and purpose than most of our releases. If your library serves general adult groups in your area, you may want to consider the film for purchase (11 prints have been kept in constant use in Indiana for the past 2½ months). *obviously* Classroom use of the film will be limited, but there again, we have found an unexpected high interest on the part of several of our campus departments. *probably*

A preview print of the film has been scheduled for your use _____. If you care to cancel or re-schedule the booking, please do so by returning the enclosed card. The preview print will be provided at no cost other than return postage.

Again, if you feel that the film is too specialized, please do not hesitate to cancel the preview booking. We appreciate your cooperation in viewing and evaluating our films and do not want to waste your time by asking you to screen films that are likely to be of little use in your program.

Very truly yours

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THE MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTEER: SOMEONE WHO CARES

In collaboration with an Educational Committee from the Indiana Association for Mental Health and the Indiana State Division of Mental Health.

x x 22 minutes
792 feet one 1955

Indiana Association for Mental Health

Indiana University, Audio-Visual Center

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x Mental hospital volunteers, hospital directors
of volunteer programs, hospital directors of special services, recreational and
occupational
~~musical~~ therapists.

x x \$4.75 \$90.00

Indiana University Audio-Visual Center (purchase); Indiana University A-V Center (rental)

Encourage lay people to serve as mental hospital volunteers
and show some of the social and recreational needs of mental hospital patients.

(see attached sheet)

Filmed at Central State Hospital and Muscatatuck State School. Educational authors include Dr. Margaret Morgan, Commissioner, Indiana State Division of Mental Health; Dr. John H. Greist, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indiana Association for Mental Health, and Dr. C. L. Williams, Superintendent, Central State Hospital, Indianapolis.

E. L. Richardson

Indiana University Audio-Visual Center

Bloomington, Indiana

May 6, 1955

THE MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTEER: SOMEONE WHO CARES

Description:

Points out the extent of mental illness in our country today and explains how people from all walks of life can become victims of some kind of mental or emotional disorder. Shows some of the undesirable conditions existing in mental hospitals, emphasizing the monotonous, lonely days of the mental patient. In contrast pictures the activity and liveliness in wards where a volunteer program is in operation. Shows who are the people serving as volunteers and samples the program brought to mental patients by these volunteers in Indiana --- library services, games of group participation, music, birthday party and individual interest. Interprets the program in terms of the benefits derived by both the patient and the volunteer. Shows how prospective volunteers are oriented to the program and how they become members of an active volunteer group. Emphasizes the needs of mental patients - from the very old to the very young, and shows how the volunteer program contributes to the satisfaction of many of these needs.