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Group Captain Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder  
Named for Variety International's Highest Award



Hollywood producer Mr. Mike Frankovich, President of Variety Clubs International, the world children's charity organisation, has announced that World War II hero, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O. and two bars, D.F.C., and his equally famous wife, Sue Ryder, O.B.E., have been named joint recipients of the 1974 Humanitarian Award, Variety's premier honour, in recognition of their work in the field of providing homes, treatment and care for the sick, handicapped and homeless in many parts of the world.

The award is to be presented to them at a ceremony at the Royal Festival Hall, London, on Friday, April 18th, the final day of Variety International's 48th annual convention which starts on Monday, April 14th, and is being attended by over 1,000 delegates representing Variety Clubs in America, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Australia, Israel, France, Ireland, the Channel Islands and Britain, the host country.

The Humanitarian Award was established in 1938 and is given each year to the person deemed to have rendered outstanding service to his or her fellow men. Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder will be the first couple to share the honour.

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret is to attend the presentation ceremony and the banquet that follows at Grosvenor House, Park Lane.

Also attending will be 60 disabled children from 35 different countries cared for in Cheshire-Ryder homes. The reason for their presence is given by President Frankovich, who announcing the award said:

'In the desire to pay tribute to the courage of underprivileged children in their struggle against adversity, all 12,000 of my fellow members are proud to bestow Variety's highest honour on Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder, two of the world's greatest humanitarians. They are a constant reminder to us of what can be achieved for the suffering and helpless through selfless dedication and compassionate devotion. Their inspiration spurs all Variety Clubs to even greater effort in their work for children everywhere'.

The Cheshire-Ryder children will spend a week in London before attending the ceremony. They will be joined at the Royal Festival Hall by 350 youngsters helped by the Variety Club of Great Britain's 'At Work' committee, which each year organises and either wholly or partly finances treats, parties, holidays and outings for 30,000 orphaned, deprived and disabled boys and girls.

Another highlight of the ceremony will be a tribute to Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder by the Royal Air Force featuring show business personalities who have served in the R.A.F. and Service bands.

Past Humanitarian Award recipients include H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Alexander Fleming, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Danny Kaye, Henry Ford II, Konrad Adenauer, Herbert Hoover, General George C. Marshall, Cordell Hull, Sister Elizabeth Kenny, George Washington Carver, Sir William Butlin, Helen Adams Keller, Dr. Jonas Salk, Rt. Rev. Monseigneur E.J. Flanagan, Paul Gray Hoffman, Dr. Welthy Honsinger Fisher, Bernard Baruch, Bob Hope and Gen. Evangeline Booth.

Variety Clubs International was established in 1927 and has raised a total of over £100m for homes, orphanages, hospitals and other centres for children who are handicapped and underprivileged, and for research into children's diseases.

The movement raises an average of £6m each year.

The Birth of Variety, its work, the Children it helps

The story of the birth of the Variety movement, and its subsequent activities, is a study in compassionate concern for the helpless young.

The seeds of Variety were sown in the autumn of 1927, when 11 showmen in Pittsburgh, U.S.A., rented a hotel room for the purpose of weekly get-togethers. Since all were concerned with various branches of the entertainments professions, they named their group 'Variety Club'. With the passing of time, other showmen joined their circle.

The Club arranged its first anniversary dinner to take place on Armistice Day, November 11th, 1928. A small hall was booked for 35 guests. When double that number applied, larger accommodation was sought, but only a hall, three floors high and capable of holding 1,100 persons, was available.

Being showmen, they booked it, and used the huge building to stage a full-size circus, complete with a 'big-top' tent, sawdust ring and 17 top-class acts. For the occasion, a press cartoonist sketched for the menu-cover the head and shoulders of a traditional circus barker, top hat, walrus moustache, diamond tie-pin and all. The cartoon was destined to become the official symbol of Variety Clubs throughout the world.

The circus promotion prompted Variety to use circus terminology. Henceforth, members were called 'Barkers' and the committee 'Crew'; the president was 'Chief Barker', the secretary 'Property Master', the treasurer 'Dough Guy', the public relations officer

'Press Guy', and so on. (Arising from this, when other Variety Clubs were formed, each was called a 'tent' and given a number. The Pittsburgh Club is Tent No. 1).

As a result of the circus stunt, several charity organisations requested Variety to promote fund-raising shows, but the club still had no specific policy or aims beyond its social inclinations.

Then, on December 24th, 1929, a baby was found in the Sheridan Square Theatre, Pittsburgh. Attached to the child was a note which read: 'Please take care of my baby. Her name is Catherine. I can no longer take care of her. I have always heard of the goodness of show-business people and I pray to God you will look after her.' Appended was the signature. 'A Heartbroken Mother'.

The abandoned infant was taken to the theatre owner, John Harris, who happened to be Variety's president. The child's mother was never traced.

On December 28th, Variety met and agreed to act as god-father to the foundling, who was named Catherine Variety Sheridan. She was maintained in a home under the watchful eyes of her Variety guardians, who took it in turn to look after her for short spells.

When she was five, the Barkers decided it would be in Catherine's best interests for her to have a permanent home away from Pittsburgh, and she was given into the care of a couple selected from 300 applicants who had applied to adopt her. The whereabouts and identity of Catherine (her name was changed) is a secret known only to the two Barkers who arranged for her adoption and have maintained a close watch on her progress throughout the years. What is known to all Barkers is that she grew up to be a beautiful woman who graduated from college with honours and is now happily married with children of her own.

The adoption of Catherine gave Variety a definite purpose: the help of underprivileged children, regardless of race, colour or denomination.

In this creed the Pittsburgh Barkers were joined by showmen, not only in many parts of America but other countries, who were stirred by the story of the waif.

These show-business folk applied for and were given permission to launch Variety Clubs within their own territories. The Variety Clubs International was formed to which all individual tents are affiliated.

The movement has grown year by year and currently there are tents in the United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jersey, Guernsey, France, Ireland, Israel, Australia and Britain, embracing something like 12,000 members pledged to help the sick and needy young.

While adhering to the constitution of the parent body, the Variety Clubs International, each Club is a completely independent unit in so far as it works under its own impetus for charities of its own choosing.

Assistance is rendered to children in countries where Variety is not established. The children of nearly 50 countries have been aided through the Patron Group, the chairman of which is Earl Mountbatten of Burma, who founded the scheme in 1968 during a Variety tour of America and Canada.

Lord Mountbatten is a gold card life member of Variety International, as is H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh. Both have been members of British Variety since 1951.

Each year an international convention is staged in one of Variety's affiliated countries and delegates report on the previous 12 months' work of their tents. Money-raising campaigns for the coming year are outlined and each club specifies a sum which

it has set as a target for its charities. Campaign ideas are interchanged and policies formulated to progress the movement as a whole.

The annual average raised by Variety International is £8m.

The Variety Club of Great Britain - Tent No. 36 - was inaugurated in October 1949 by 26 American showmen working in this country. Since then it has assisted some 10,000 individual national, local and private children's organisations, as well as countless individual cases of distress, throughout the UK. At this time an average of 300,000 children are helped annually.

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The following account of the work of the G.C. and Sue Ryder has been sent out to the Press and members of the Variety Club of Great Britain by their European Press Guy, David Jones, and we are happy and proud to reprint it in full.

#### VARIETY CLUBS HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR 1974

Leonard Cheshire founded the internationally renowned Cheshire Homes. He did so almost by accident. He had been a conspicuously successful bomber pilot, receiving the Victoria Cross (Britain's highest award for gallantry in action), the Distinguished Service Order with two bars, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and was an official British observer when the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. He retired from the R.A.F. when peace was declared and was determined to help make that peace a reality.

After various ventures had proved abortive, he embarked on a co-operative community scheme for ex-servicemen. This also failed.

In May 1948, while winding up this project and disposing of a large empty house, Le Court in Hampshire, he was told that one of the ex-members of the settlement, a 75-year-old man, was dying of cancer and had nowhere to go. After trying, unsuccessfully, to find accommodation for the man, Leonard Cheshire took him into the house and nursed him until he died.

Then others came....

With no idea where funds were coming from, Leonard Cheshire undertook the care of the incurably sick and disabled. He found more and more people who, rather than spend the rest of their days in places like geriatric hospital wards, were ready to accept the makeshift arrangements at Le Court. They found there a place they could call home.

For two years this was their only home. It was the scene of many struggles and disappointments, but now, in place of the old building, stands a large, modern house, specially built and equipped, which is a model of its kind, for the young adult disabled.

In 1950 Leonard Cheshire started a second home in the abandoned station headquarters of an old R.A.F. airfield in Cornwall. Four years later, other groups elsewhere in the country were offering to start homes for the disabled. Today, there are over 60 homes in the U.K. and approximately the same number overseas. And homes are starting up ever more quickly, usually inspired by a visit from Leonard Cheshire or one of his close associates.

The majority of homes in Britain concentrate on the physically and permanently handicapped in the younger age groups, but there are two homes for mentally handicapped children and four hostels for the psychiatric rehabilitation of adults.

Overseas homes often concentrate on special categories also: burnt-out leprosy cases, and destitute and handicapped children.

The homes in each country are autonomous, governed by their own separate Foundations. As in Britain, they raise their funds locally and make their own decisions about functions and priorities. All Cheshire Foundations share basically the same principles, aims and legal constitutions; they are also united through the spirit of service to others generated by Leonard Cheshire.

In 1959 he married Sue Ryder, famous for her work of bringing relief to survivors who, as a result of racial persecution, particularly in Nazi concentration camps, are now sick, homeless or in some kind of need.

During the War Sue Ryder served with Special Forces in Europe, where she learned of the atrocities and miseries being suffered in their occupied countries. This made her resolve to help them and their colleagues in every way.

Leaving S.F.E. in 1945, she joined a small Anglo-French Mission caring for the homeless and ill of all ages. When official teams withdrew in 1951, she continued alone to live and work in the camps, hospitals and prisons, later going on to found homes and hospitals for the sick and disabled in Europe and a joint centre with her husband in India.

The work of the Sue Ryder Foundation, besides building and renovating Homes and Hospitals for the sick and disabled in different parts of the world for a wide age range (the youngest being a few months old and the oldest 109), also does social work and individual case work, operates mobile teams and provides medical care and equipment. In the person of Sue Ryder visits are made to prisoners in Central and Eastern Europe held in over 20 German prisons. Through a Holiday Scheme 4,000 survivors of the Resistance or the concentration camps, their children and young disabled have been able to enjoy a holiday.

Many thousands of destitute, sick and homeless people have found in Sue Ryder their staunchest friend. For 30 years she has worked with them, taking their trials, problems and humiliations upon her own shoulders.

In 1957 she was awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of her outstanding work, and in 1965 the Polish Government bestowed on her the Polonia Restituta, Poland's highest decoration. She also received the Medal of the Yugoslav Flag with Gold Wreath and Diploma from President Tito for her work for the sick and physically handicapped of all ages in that country. In addition the University of Liverpool have conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

From the beginning Sue Ryder's work has been based on faith and carried out with the minimum of expense and administration. She receives no salary and pays her own travelling expenses - usually driving long hours and covering over 50,000 miles a year.

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"Thoughts on the award"

From the Archbishop of Westminster

It is commonly said that religion is on the decline. This judgement is so frequently repeated that most people take its truth for granted. I think that its truth depends on what is meant by religion. If it means attending church and saving prayers it is probably true that religion is at its lowest ebb for centuries. But formal worship is only one part of religion. It is a very important part but it is not the whole.

St. James, one of Christ's apostles, gave the following definition of religion: 'Religion pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world (1-26).'

There is no religious test before a guest is admitted to the Cheshire Homes. Whether or not people are Christians or believers the doors of the Cheshire Homes are wide open to receive them. That is where religion comes in. Everyone who is sick, old and in need, is cherished as a brother or sister. Even though not everybody realises it we are all made in God's image. That is why it is part of the true worship of God to serve Him in our brothers and sisters. Some of the most zealous supporters of the Cheshire Homes do not belong to any religious denomination. They regard themselves as agnostics or even unbelievers. They act from what they would describe as humanitarian motives. This does not alter the fact that the inspiration behind the work of the Cheshire Homes is deeply religious.

I know that Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire have been chosen for the Humanitarian Award of Variety Clubs International this year. As they are close friends of mine, I am reluctant to embarrass them by describing their virtues. Their work is known and admired throughout the world but only those close to them are aware of the deep love of God which inspires all their humanitarian work. No sacrifice is too great which enables them to bring relief to the suffering. The award they are to be given will be treasured by them less for its material value than as a means of publicity for their compassionate work. They will use this occasion to give a spur to all the Cheshire Homes.

This little magazine is called *The Cheshire Smile*. It is beautifully named. It is an indirect contradiction of the old expression 'as cold as charity'. Far from being cold, true charity is on fire. Acts of true charity are done with a smile. I rejoice that this edition of the magazine will pay tribute to all that has been done by Sue and Leonard.

I have said that this generation has the reputation of being godless. It is nevertheless encouraging to reflect that there is far more love shown to the afflicted towards the end of the twentieth century than there was at its beginning. Looking back to the last century the contrast is even greater. It may be that a larger percentage of the population attended church but the public was remarkably blind to social evils. It was not just a question of putting small boys up chimneys and allowing young children to work long hours in factories. It was the general indifference to the condition of the poor. Today critics of the Welfare State complain that citizens now have everything done for them and so lose all initiative. Against that must be set the picture of an England where the unemployed, the sick and the aged were left to suffer and die. We nevertheless have no right to feel superior to our forbears. They were not cruel or unfeeling. It was just that nobody had brought home to them their responsibilities.

This is another reason for gratitude to the Cheshires. People with their imagination and compassion point out to the rest of us those suffering brethren of ours whom we are too blind to see. Until men like Wilberforce started campaigning most people took slavery for granted. Once our attention has been drawn to abuses we are ready to exert ourselves to correct them. But the pioneers who show us the way are the ones who deserve the real credit.

A common mistake is to imagine that modern governments are so enlightened that they look after everyone in any kind of need. This is very far from true. There are still thousands of homeless, hungry and cold people in Britain. It is not humanly possible

for the State or any other institution to attend to all in need. In addition to government bodies there will always be a place for voluntary organisations. By definition such organisations will depend on the good will and self-sacrifice of unselfish men and women. There are Cheshire Homes in many lands. Most of those who live in them would not have been cared for by the State. Even if provision were made in institutions the State could not guarantee the spirit of love. When I think of the Cheshire Home which I visited in Santiago, Chile and recall its peace and happiness in a sad city, I thank God for Leonard Cheshire.

Cardinal J.C. Heenan,  
Archbishop of Westminster.

"extract from 'Cheshire Smile', Quarterly Magazine of the Cheshire Homes" Spring 1975

From the Little White House at "Raphael", Krishna and Patrima (in calipers) went to England for the Cheshire Homes Family Meeting.

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VALE RAPHAEL

The legendary Anne Young has finally bade farewell to her beloved "Raphael". She left with mixed feelings, sadness, but joy too: happy that she had seen so many plans for "Raphael" reach fruition, and happy to be returning home to prepare for her marriage to Philip Boyd. This took place in Sydney on July 12th, and all our readers, we are sure, will join us in wishing Anne and Philip a long and happy life together. Members of the N.S.W. Foundations are looking forward to Anne's participation in Ryder Cheshire affairs for many years to come.

VALE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Ten days before Anne left "Raphael" our 2 new volunteers arrived. Jacqueline Kinsey, a nurse from Melbourne and Catherine Askew, a secretary from Auckland. Jacquie will be replacing Anne, particularly in the Mobile TB Clinic, and Cathie takes over as Adoptions Secretary, so all sponsors may expect to hear from her later this year. They have each signed on for a 2 year term of service and we wish them a happy and rewarding stay at "Raphael".

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The following letter was received from Joan Evans, who is in Ranchi with 'Cheshire Homes' :-

Letter No. 18  
June 1975

c/o Lt. Gen. B. Bhattacharjya,  
Prantik, Hazaribagh Rd.,  
Ranchi 1, Bihar, India.

"Ye have need of patience." (Heb.10:36)  
"My God shall supply all your need." (Phil.4:19)

My Dear Friends,

Yes, I'm in Ranchi! The song of birds instead of the noise of trains and road traffic; clean air instead of the fumes and worse smells of the city; open country scenery and blossoming trees in place of streets, bazaars and slums. Truly a welcome change and so far, no work! So it is like a holiday except that the temperatures are too high

for comfort being well over 105°. Ranchi is an old city with a mixed population of Hindus, Moslems, Christians and animistic aboriginals. These aboriginal tribes people are given preferential education and employment opportunities by the Government because they have been a long neglected people. Some living in the villages of this area still hunt with bows and arrows and I hear their drums beating in the distance as they celebrate one of their festivals. Ranchi has the Church of North India cathedral (formerly Anglican) and the Lutheran and Roman Catholic cathedrals. There has been a great deal of missionary work done here in the past.

In my last letter I wrote of the hope of opening a home for destitute cripples in Ranchi during March. In fact I did not move until the middle of April and there have been many setbacks, delays and disappointments. I have found it difficult to write to you when everything seemed settled one day only to be completely changed the next.

Mrs. Storrs, an Irish widow, willed all her land, house and this hospital ward to the Cheshire Homes Association. This Association own property but do not finance or staff any of the homes. A local committee is formed with responsibility to raise the funds and find suitable staff, the Association only laying down a few basic principles about the running of the home. My contact is with the local committee and I have not met any Cheshire Homes officials. Group Captain Cheshire visited this place some years ago when it was first handed over to the Association.

There have been three big disappointments. The first was when my friend Brenda wrote to say that for personal reasons she did not feel she could come from England. The second lay in the search for suitable workers. The committee welcomed the idea of my bringing some cured patients from the Purulia Leprosy Hospital to work as helpers. However when I brought two young men with no deformity to meet the committee and see the place, they felt they could not accept them in case of local objection. This was a big set back and a bitter disappointment to the young men. Finally we have been able to find a good young couple from a local village. Mukhta does the cooking and cleaning and her husband Obed is the handyman. They will also help in the care of the patients. Another local young man is the night watchman. The third disappointment concerned the security of the building. The Home is about three miles from the city in an isolated place. When it was first built the law and order situation was not so serious and it was not considered necessary to have iron grilles on windows and doors. The Committee informed me that this work has been completed and I arrived on April 15th only to find that the staff section had been secured but the patient section had not. This has caused delay and more committee meetings and it impossible to admit patients until this work is completed.

I decided to use the waiting time in a visit to the folks in Howrah and the family at Bosekati. There we decided to extend the present house as it was less expensive and more convenient than building a separate one. The family are well and sharing the excitement of little Esther whose mother is now able to take her to the Punjab where she is working. It will be difficult to part with her as she is much loved but it is best for her and will give us room for another child in need.

There are two little girls in the smallpox ward of Calcutta Infectious Diseases Hospital who need a home. The family were admitted with smallpox and the parents died. The two girls recovered and as there was no-one to claim them, a Christian Ward Sister has looked after them, in the ward, for about three years. She has asked us to take them into our home which we will do provided there are no objections from the hospital authorities.

In Ranchi I have found fellowship with a group of Hindi speaking Christians who meet



in the city. There is a Communion service each Sunday and prayer and good teaching with Bible classes during the week. The message is translated into English and this is a help to me as my Hindi is not yet sufficient to enable me to follow all the message. I have spoken twice at their student meetings by interpretation.

In my next letter I ought to be able to tell you about the patients we will hopefully have admitted by then! God is teaching patience and trust through these problems and frustrations. Please continue to uphold us in prayer, for the work here in Rancho and also for our dear family in Bosekati. There is a need for a physiotherapist to take the place that Brenda would have filled.

Thanks for your prayer and encouraging letters,

Yours affectionately,

JOAN EVANS

VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Foundation will be held at

Camberwell Grammar School, Library, 2nd Floor,  
Mont Albert Road,  
Canterbury,

on Wednesday, 10th September, 1975, at 8 p.m.

The new "Raphael" audio-visual presentation will be shown to those present. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Hon. Secretary P.J. Bradfield

The proposed local home project for Moe has unfortunately been abandoned. The combination of inflation and a changing situation in the Goulburn Valley area has resulted in the project no longer being economically viable. The Council is naturally disappointed that four years of preliminary feasibility work have proved fruitless. However, the Foundation has learnt much from the experience which will enable it to tackle any similar project in the future with more confidence. The Council wishes to thank the President, Secretary and members of the Moe Support Group for their tireless efforts over such a long period. The Council is also indebted to the SEC of Victoria for its generous offer of land at Newborough, to the staff of the University of Melbourne for their assistance on design aspects of the project and, in particular, to the Mayor and Council of Moe whose assistance and support has been greatly appreciated.

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Our sincere thanks is extended to The Rotary Club of Geelong for the very generous donation of \$400.00 which enabled us to purchase audio-visual equipment in April. Already it has had extensive use both in Melbourne and country areas. With the synchronised commentary this equipment may be used, particularly by schools, without the presence of a speaker. If any school or club would like to take advantage of this would they please contact Mrs. Mary Galbraith on 836 6007.

ANONYMOUS

A very generous donation - cheque for \$300.00 was received by the Foundation in June, with an accompanying note --- "donation for "Raphael". As the donor wishes to remain anonymous, we hope he or she will read this Newsletter and accept our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation.

"RAPHAEL" WEEK AT BOX HILL

We are deeply indebted to the International Committee of Rotary Club of Box Hill for their interest and enthusiasm in organizing a special appeal week in their district. Schools, clubs and churches were circularized, and the two big features were a Businessmen and Ladies' Luncheon at which Mr. Don Chipp M.H.R. was guest speaker, and collection boxes which were distributed throughout the shopping centre. On Friday night and Saturday morning, willing helpers collected amongst the shoppers. On behalf of "Raphael" and the Victorian Foundation we send to all the members of Box Hill Rotary our heartfelt thanks and particularly to Mr. Fred Davis, Chairman and his International Committee.

Geelong Support Group

This is our first opportunity to include news in "Raphael" from the Geelong Group which was formed recently with support from the Rotary Club of Geelong to whom we are very grateful.

Supporters who live in the Geelong District are encouraged to associate themselves with the Group. Names have been selected from the Melbourne list and transferred. If you are one of the Foundations "established" supporters in Geelong, and it is more than 12 months since you gave your last membership/donation, the Geelong Group would be especially gratified to receive further support.

If you are one of the Geelong Support Group's new members receiving "Raphael" for the first time, we hope you will be able to give a further donation from time to time, and will encourage others to support the work of the Foundation at Raphael.

As a result of the Rotary Club sponsored Fashion Parade at the inception of the Geelong Group, \$400.00 was given to the Victorian Foundation enabling the purchase of projector-tape recorder combination.

To mark the Geelong Support Group's first contribution, it has been decided to meet the cost of two Projects for the Little White House to the value of \$230.00 - possibly supply of ceiling fans and rebuilding of the washing platform.

We have to date, had two adoption offers and an endowment, and are hopeful of response from secondary schools who have been contacted by a committee member, Mrs. Hall, from Geelong High School whose students, incidentally, have had two adoptions for many years. At the time of writing arrangements had been made for films and talks to 800 pupils of Oberon High School, and for presentation of the audio-visual session at Clonard College whose students have had an adoption for some years. There are other Schools, with adoptions, for whom sessions can be arranged at their wish, and we would be especially interested in acquainting other schools with "Raphael" even if their social service programmes are full this year but may assist us next year.

If you know of any group, social, service, sporting or student, who might support us by endowment or adoption, please encourage them to contact our Secretary.

To illustrate what can be done, and as an opportunity to thank them, we mention that

Mr. and Mrs. V. Lynch of Hamlyn Heights, with the support of exservice friends, ran a house party which yielded over \$100.00, and have followed up with other spontaneous efforts.

The ladies of the Group Committee are arranging a stall at the Car Park in Geelong West, opposite Hooper's Store in Pakington Street, on Friday, November 28th. They would like donations of cakes, tinned foods, preserves, sweets, or gifts, novelties etc. - almost anything saleable. Donations can be left with -

Mrs. M. Walta (Telephone 99350)  
3 Oliver Street  
Geelong West

The stall will be attended from 8.00 a.m. so that donations can be left there on the day.

If you can be in Geelong West on Friday, November 28th, please buy at the stall.

Any enquiries relating to the Geelong Support Group can be made to -

Secretary  
Mr. R. Webb  
392 Aberdeen Street  
Newtown 3218.

Chairman  
Mr. V.W. Fitzgerald  
2 Elderslie Terrace  
Herne Hill 3218.

#### West Gippsland Support Group

Our 9th Annual Dinner Dance was held on 21st June, and once again it proved to be a great success.

The Annual General Meeting of this group is to be held on 10th September at the Moe District Credit Union Office at 8 p.m. All interested persons are most welcome to attend.

Mrs. S. Lowth  
Committee Member

#### Ballarat Support Group

Our Support Group is pleased to announce another adoption and a new endowment, we welcome these wonderful sponsors into our Ryder-Cheshire family. Adoption money of \$1300.00 has been remitted to "Raphael" and a further cheque of \$200.00 from donations received, has been sent towards the cost of the much needed 'tube well'.

Miss Josephine Collins had a busy schedule here in June 24th and 25th when she spoke to eight groups of students in 5 different schools and also used the audio-visual unit which she had the pleasure of seeing at our June meeting.

While at the Special School, Miss Collins received a cheque for Panpatti from David Meyer and David Wallace on behalf of the students. The two Davids were chosen for this honour as they raised a great deal of money between them, the former by growing and selling vegetables and the latter by contributing generously from his pocket money.

Thank you Miss Collins for the work you do to help keep alive the spirit of "Raphael".

Our clothing depot address in the last Newsletter brought a parcel of bedspreads for "Raphael" from a lady in Sydney! Our next consignment of clothing will be ready in August, Aileen White Phone 32 2240 will be pleased to receive parcels at St. Vincent de Paul, or "The Shirt Arcade", 7 Sturt St., Ballarat, please mark your parcel "For

Ryder-Cheshire". Special thanks to the donors of the clean linen for bandages and the tea chests. Ryder-Cheshire biros are now available from the Hon. Secretary at 20 cents. A new list of projects for "Raphael" is also available.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 15th. Please keep this evening free as we are planning to show colour slides taken at Raphael of the adoptees who come under the care of our Support Group's generous sponsors. You will also see the new audio-visual unit illustrating life at "Raphael".

Regretfully, owing to the illness of her husband, Patricia Grace has tendered her resignation as Adoption Secretary. Thank you sincerely for the work you have done, we hope Neville will regain his health very soon. The Hon. Secretary will take over the adoption correspondence for the present. Sue Jones has become minutes secretary while Joy McDuff and Russell Foley will help where needed.

Cath. McLenehan

Hon. Secretary, 112 Webster St., Ballarat. Ph. 32 6483

#### S.A. FOUNDATION

Our highlight news for this Newsletter is the outstanding effort by the girls of Adelaide Girls High School, 97 Grote Street. Through their Community Service Committee, the girls raised \$582.00 by conducting a "Swimathon". Sixty girls took part in the swimming and were sponsored a certain amount a lap by other pupils, teachers, parents and friends. This brings the total contribution by the girls to \$732.00 since they presented a cheque for \$150.00 to Group Captain Cheshire when he spoke to them last October. Our President, Justice Mitchell, and members of the Committee have praised highly this magnificent gesture of concern for others by the Adelaide Girls High School.

Lyn Parken is Chairman of the Community Service Committee, and we hope has now fully recovered from her recent cartilage operation. Our thanks are due to Katrina Marles, who first contacted me two years ago when she was chairman of the committee.

Barbara Lewis has been active in the Whyalla area, showing films and giving talks: I expect to hear shortly that she has obtained her first adoption in Whyalla. Our President, Justice Mitchell will be on circuit in Port Augusta during July and it is hoped Her Honour will have time to speak at a meeting in Whyalla.

The article on Robit/Naveen in the last new letter was of great interest to the South Australian Foundation, Rohit was our first adoption, taken by the Edwardstown Rotary Club. It was a joy to have this bright, talkative boy and his Mother at our home in March when it was Rohit's 6th birthday. How gratifying it is to know that our efforts in helping "Raphael" are producing some very good results.

I would like to thank the many members who generously exceeded the amount of their subscription, I receive between \$5.00 and \$10.00 in most cases. With income from all sources, we will not be able to raise \$4,500.00 a year, which is the amount required to maintain "Raphael" for one month.

Ross M. Stanford  
Hon. Secretary

#### N.S.W. FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting in April was chaired by Mr. Peter Alexander and elected Mrs. R. Cochrane to take the place of Mrs. R. Miles and Mr. J. Bryant to replace the other retiring director, Mrs. Murray Fergusson. An interesting address was given by

Mr. Philip Boyd about his experiences on a recent trip to "Raphael". Last week Mr. Boyd married Miss Anne Young who has spent several years giving invaluable assistance at "Raphael" in her capacity as a nurse. We wish them every happiness.

Sydney Support Group

With reduced numbers to assist in the fund raising projects and with greater demands as inflation has reduced the effect of our contributions to "Raphael", the Sydney Support Group has, so far, conducted a barbeque stand at the Rocks Festival in Sydney during April, run a three and a half day mixed bag type stall at the Chatswood Markets in June. During July, a theatre party is organized for the play "The Male of the Species". We always welcome enquiries from anyone interested in joining any of the Group's activities. Phone Mrs. Jenny Coleman 909 2996 : Mrs. Joyce Ratcliffe 42 1708.

In June, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Coleman, a number of members were able to say a brief hello and farewell to Miss Jacqueline Kinsey and Miss Catherine Askew, new volunteers on their way to "Raphael" where they will be serving as nurse and secretary respectively. The girls impressed us all with their sincerity and enthusiasm toward their future roles.

Mrs. Joyce Ratcliffe

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Hello there, Friends and Supporters,

I'm Jan Cleland, and I'm hoping you will be able to help us by buying the 1975 Christmas Cards to aid our homeless children and chronically sick at "Raphael".

"Raphael", as you know, is the Ryder Cheshire International Centre for the Disabled in Dehra Dun, North India.

For many years, Mrs. Rolande Miles has been in charge of distributing our cards; but unfortunately, because of family commitments she has had to retire from this work and has asked me to carry on for her.

I am happy to do this and have asked Miss Barbara Hume, an Art Teacher from St. Ignagius College, Riverview, to design something attractive for us. As you can see, she has been very successful, and rather surprisingly, the price remains unchanged at 10 cents per card, including envelope.

Won't you please help us by taking some cards to aid our suffering people in India? Cheques should be crossed and made out to the Ryder Cheshire Foundation. A small contribution for postage would be appreciated.

With kind regards,  
(Hon. Christmas Card Secretary)

Mrs. Cleland  
210 Fullers Rd.,  
Chatswood.  
N.S.W.

Could you please send me .....  
1975 Christmas cards.

I enclose cheque/postal order for .....

Name .....  
Address .....  
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Newcastle Support Group

Following the inspiring visit of Group Captain Cheshire, the Lions Clubs of Newcastle and Desmond, co-hosted a dinner from which we received the magnificent sum of \$485.00.

Then, directly as a result of Major Virendra Singh's visit, the Lions District, 201D donated \$2,152.00 towards the causeway at "Raphael".

Our yearly mannequin parade netted \$285.00, a good result. We have found the film showing a successful venture, as a result the Polish Association of Newcastle were most interested and we gratefully received their donation of \$70.00.

A.C.T. FOUNDATION

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of the A.C.T. Foundation was held on Tuesday, 27th May, 1975 at Ursula College, Australian National University, and the Annual Report was presented by the President, Mr. Peter McMahon, LL.B.

This Annual Meeting was highly successful and all positions on the Executive Committee were filled. Mr. Peter McMahon was re-elected President, Mr. Phillip Abbey Honorary Secretary and Mr. George Burgess Honorary Treasurer. Mr. McMahon was happy to welcome new members to the Executive, giving rise to the hope that there will be new ideas for fund-raising activities which will lead to a very auspicious year.

The members were delighted to learn that His Excellency, Dr. S. Sinha, High Commissioner for India had graciously consented to accept patronage of the A.C.T.

Our first function for the new year 1975/1976 was held two days after the Annual General Meeting when a clothing and produce charity stall was held at the Canberra Retail Market, Fyshwick - this netted \$200.00.

Financially the year 1974/1975 had been the most rewarding year for the A.C.T. Foundation since its inception, and now the Committee are developing plans for future events and continued success.

Mrs. M.M. Murray,  
Publicity Officer

W.A. FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting of the W.A. Foundation was held at the end of March. We were sad to learn of the resignation of Mrs. Elaine Adams from the Council. Elaine has given loyal service to the Foundation particularly during the first years of the Thrift Shop which she assisted in founding. We are pleased to welcome as Councillors, Mrs. Barbara Seabrook and Mrs. Newbold (who has invaluable experience of running a Ryder Cheshire Thrift Shop in the United Kingdom).

Mrs. Kath French's programme of fund raising functions includes a quiz night on the 31st July - which, by the time these notes are published, will have taken place - and a Sunday Outing to the Hills in mid October. The date for the latter function will be announced shortly, and we have no doubt that both events will be successful and well supported.

Following the W.A. Foundation's decision in 1974 to provide financial help to the Catherine McAuley Home in Subiaco our association with the Principal, Sister Martin and with the Home itself has grown much closer. Many of the supporters and friends of the W.A. Foundation have asked to know more about this wonderful cause and it is therefore appropriate to include in this issue some notes written by Sister Martin on

the running and future plans for the Centre. Sister Martin writes -

"The Catherine McAuley Centre, originally established in the 1840's as an orphanage, is now a residential Child Care facility under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy. The Centre, through the provision of a multivariate residential care agency, endeavours to provide care for children and their families when no alternative form of care is available. This care is predominantly supplementary in nature enabling whatever strengths are evident within the family to develop.

Many changes have occurred in recent years in the development of more appropriate child care methods. These changes now enable the Centre to operate in the following ways.

The children are grouped into smaller units under the care of one or two group workers and each group has its own geographical living area of kitchen, loungeroom, group of bedrooms, bathrooms and toilets. The children attend outside schools and participate in community groups such as Scouts, Guides and Police and Citizen Youth Clubs. Sibling groups including teenagers are incorporated into the groups. Lay staff are now employed at the Centre as group workers. A social worker is also employed and currently the Centre is endeavouring to employ a psychologist.

The Centre's plans for the future involve a new complex on the present site, and include an area where whole families can be housed and rehabilitated together. Also it is hoped that several cottages can be built similar to the one currently existing as a campus cottage. This cottage is partly subsidised by the Ryder Cheshire Foundation and has proved to be very successful. It enables the children to learn the necessary social skills and receive the emotional components of family life. As the unit is really a house on the site it provides the children with as near normal an environment as possible, as opposed to the groups which exist within the larger old dormitories which necessitates centralised cooking and laundry facilities."

Sister Martin has added that she is delighted to show visitors round the Centre and we hope that friends of the Ryder Cheshire movement will not hesitate to accept this invitation.

Mrs. P. Cribb  
Hon. Secretary

Newsletter

Deadline for the next issue of "Raphael" ::::: 15th November

Please send all copy to :-

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Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O. and two bars, D.F.C. pictured at Ability Press Sheltered Workshop with the Manager, Mr. F.R.G. Hodgetts (Standing) and Factory Supervisor, Mr. K. Soulsby.

Ability Press is a Sheltered Workshop established by the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults in the northern Melbourne Suburb of Regent in January 1969, employing 56 disabled people.

As a commercial printing establishment the Workshop caters for the printing needs of individuals, universities, commerce and charitable organisations, including The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, whose Newsletter "Raphael" has been printed by Ability Press for the past 3 years.

Ability Press Sheltered Workshop has meant a lot to people who were formerly home-bound and there is only a very subtle difference between the workshop activities and ordinary industry. In the workshops there is an emphasis on social service and the welfare of the individual who, over the years, has been helped to a sense of achievement, renewal of his or her confidence and a sense of dignity. There is emphasis too, on the industrial aspect which has realistically established that a man or woman with a disability can maintain quality and output at their own pace, and, at the same time, contribute to the nation's productivity.



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