Women’s Center of Wake County, Inc.
Epiphany House – Contract ID # - 00354-01
Quarterly Progress Report – October - December 2001

1. Major activities initiated:
   a. In our restructuring of staffing, we have found that the most successful hires come from the pool of Women’s Center employees who are more in tune with our philosophy. They also seem to enter with more of a commitment to the program;
   b. Through the continuation of positive ventures, the balance of the funds needed to complete the purchase of Epiphany House is solid. Also, volunteers have continued to assist with minor repairs.

2. Number of individuals served during the last three months: 11 (4 families)

3. Outcomes observed for these individuals:
   a. Improved nutrition skills observed as all mothers continue to participate in planning and preparing meals with guidance of staff;
   b. Short-term Goal setting is still initiated and significant improvement of follow through observed in all instances;
   c. One family moved into a more independent living situations and one moved back with family;
   d. All children have attended school and/or day care regularly and we have a volunteer tutor that comes 1-2 times a week.

4. Outcomes related to program goals and objectives:
   a. Nutrition and goal setting were both included in our initial goals/objectives. For example, we recently got to observe one of the residents make a hasty employment move and then readily recognize that after-school care has to be established in order to maintain meaningful work;
   b. Recognition and embracing the validity of having structure in the home;
   c. It is consistently observed that all the children exhibit signs of feeling safe and valued.

5. Changes or modifications to services:
   a. We continue to make the necessary changes to tailor services to promote stability within the intact family’s needs. We have found that our role is pretty significant in helping the mother explore the resources available to her when she is in the process of re-establishing a stable home environment. Interfacing with the mothers in a non-judgmental way has proven beneficial in the residents taking responsibility for future outcomes in their day-to-day decision making;
   b. The guidelines for the house have not been rewritten during this past year. While we have a few solid rules (non-negotiable, such as medication must be locked away by the staff, behavior intervention with children), most of the
written materials that govern the operation of the house have been designed to allow for a reasonable degree of flexibility as needed by each family;
c. We are still convinced that the time for each resident to truly accomplish the goals to achieving self-sufficiency and breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty varies greatly. A number of variables must be considered, such as length of time of homelessness, educational level, age and mitigating factors at the onset of homelessness, family of origin patterns, and previous access to the socially acceptable things of the broader community.

6. **Percentage of project funds expended**: Approximately 85%.