

A BRIEF HISTORY

For those of you who do not know about Lennox, the information that follows will bring you up-to-date.

In 1987 Holland & Hart "adopted" the Lennox Guest Home as a charitable project. It is at 2875 W. 33rd Avenue in northwest Denver. It is a Personal Care Home with no private or governmental funding which provides assistance and supervision with medications, but no nursing care. There are 57 residents (of whom 12 are women), mostly in their 70s, 80s and 90s, with some younger residents on disability.

Most are ambulatory, but have moved into Lennox because they can no longer care for themselves and their homes. They are proud people who have worked hard their entire lives and do not wish to live on charity now. All are on a fixed income which goes entirely to their room and board. Since they receive no subsidies, they have almost no money and a great need for the "human touch." For the most part, these people are very lonely, do not have much laughter in their lives, and are appreciative of anything that we do for and with them. Just knowing that someone cares about them is a tremendous boost to morale.

In 1987, the people who lived there had virtually no activities, and many of the residents were just sitting around doing nothing. Most of the residents have no families or friends who visit, or only rarely visit.

Over the years, we have raised funds with bake sales and basket raffles and purchased videotapes, a vcr, a stereo cd player, cds, etc., for their common room, and conducted activities such as bingo nights, movie nights, and "Singspiration" evenings. We have also put together a Saturday "General Store" from time-to-time where they may "shop" for free for donated clothing, toiletries, underwear, warm hats and gloves.

Each December, we have raised funds to be able to give each resident a new \$20 bill at Christmas, a small gift, often handmade by Holland & Hart employees and their children, a catered party, some carol singing, and some visitors and entertainment.