

Drop in Drop -In Center

by Frances Smits

The Eden Street Drop-In Center is a program which offers youths a chance to meet new friends and create new outlets of recreational activities. The community felt that this type of program was needed to offer an alternative use for the free time and energy of young people. It is there for all interested youth thirteen years and older.

The idea for the Center was conceived early in 1979 by a group of concerned citizens who saw the need

for a recreation program and drop-in center for the youth of the Charlottetown area. A program, submitted to the Solicitor General of Canada, was approved on a five month basis to end on March 28, 1980. As it proved a success, the drop-in center has been extended until September 1981.

Some residents of Eden Street did object in the form of a petition carrying eleven signatures. The citizens were concerned about the traffic situation, vandalism, and the

possible depreciation of their homes. However, in a meeting with the residents of Eden Street, City Council stated that the complaints were not strong enough. Since then there have been no problems.

The youth center, 8 Eden Street, is a place to meet old and new friends. It offers organized activities such as tours, arts/crafts, games, music, sports, pot luck suppers, tournaments and field trips. The center is a place for the youth of Charlottetown to meet and engage in recre-

ational activities—a place of their own to go.

The center needs volunteers to help the program run successfully. Help is needed now and for the future. It is a community effort and needs individual help to ensure that the center remains an active part of the community. Any and all interested persons can contact:

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