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Women's Center of Jacksonville

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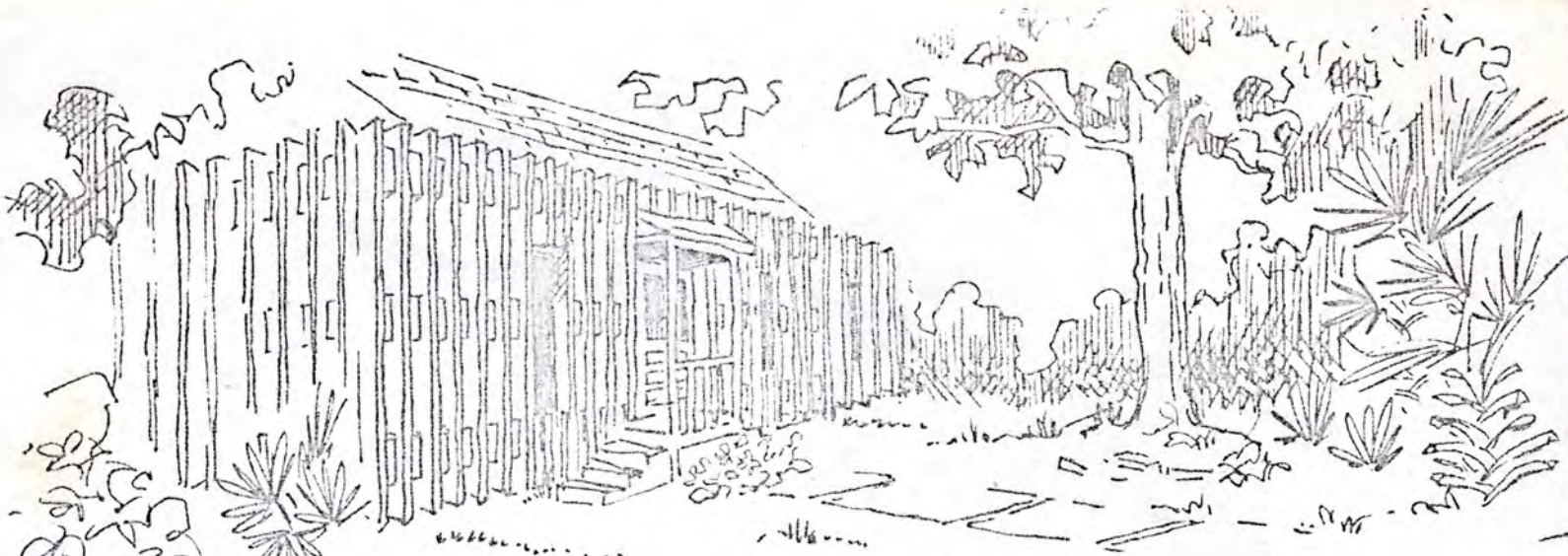


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WOMENS' CENTER

1825 Hendricks Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32207
February 4, 1974

Re: WOMEN'S RAPE CRISIS CENTER

Dear Friends:

Jacksonville women concerned with the high incidence of sexual assault in our city and at the same time with the lack of supportive services available to rape victims have joined together to organize the Women's Rape Crisis Center (WRCC).

Although still very much in the planning stages, the WRCC will be operating a twenty-four (24) hour rape hotline beginning March 1, 1974.

At that time we also will begin an advocacy program providing each rape victim who desires it with a woman to accompany her to the hospital emergency room, police station and to the courtroom.

The projected program for WRCC is far more extensive than these initial gestures. In addition to being aimed toward the facilitation of each woman's journey through the medical and legal systems, we plan to do extensive investigation into the where, when and why of rape. We are convinced that this information could be invaluable in drafting and enforcing local legislation and in working up a community-wide stop rape program.

With your support we can make Jacksonville a safer place for all women to live and work in. At this particular time we are preparing to submit a proposal for public funds to enable us to function with optimum effectiveness. Your endorsement in the form of a letter addressed to the Women's Rape Crisis Center, c/o Options Women's Center, 1825 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville 32207, will be instrumental in making a safer Jacksonville a reality.

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