

# AIDS EDUCATION FUND WHITMAN-WALKER CLINIC

The **AIDS** Education Fund of the Whitman-Walker Clinic provides the following free services for people with **AIDS**, their lovers, families, and friends:

## INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Trained peer and professional counselors are available to assist in coping with the fear, anger, guilt, stress, and other emotions associated with AIDS. Counselors provide support to people with AIDS or to their lovers, families, and friends.

# "BUDDIES"

Buddies provide support and companionship, at home or in the hospital. Buddies can be available for dinner, a movie, or just to talk. They might also feed the cat, water the plants, take a friend to the hospital for a visit, or help in any number of ways.

#### **GROUP COUNSELING**

Peer support groups are available for people with AIDS and for their lovers, families, and friends. The Clinic has also established a "Worried Well" group to help people deal with their fears of contracting AIDS.

## JIM Mc ELWAIN MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Established in memory of a man who died with AIDS, this fund provides direct financial assistance to needy persons with AIDS.

#### LEGAL AND FINANCIAL COUNSELING

The Clinic has volunteer professionals to assist in legal and financial planning; arranging for power of attorney and second mortgages, drafting wills, and agreements, estate planning, and the like.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES ADVOCACY

Volunteers are available to help negotiate the often confusing array of social and financial services, such as Social Security, human services agencies, and insurance companies.

#### REFERRAL SERVICES

For persons who want spiritual support, the Clinic makes referrals to sympathetic clergy of many religions. The Clinic also maintains lists of cooperating physicians and dentists, and can help to arrange for professional care services such as visiting nurses and hospice care.

#### OTHER SERVICES

The AIDS Education Fund also provides community education through written materials, community forums, and a speakers bureau.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call or write the AIDS Education Fund at the Whitman-Walker Clinic or phone the D.C. AIDS Information Line, (202) 332-AIDS, evenings from 7:00 to 10:00.

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