

# JRS to open its Staisey House

Leonard Staisey House, the first residence of Jewish Residential Services, will open its doors in April, according to Kathy Hurwitz, JRS president.

"We are very excited that our plans are coming to fruition," Hurwitz said of the apartment building on Wendover Street which will provide housing with support services for eight adults with mental illness.

The mission of JRS is to provide quality housing with support services to people with psychiatric, developmental, or physical disabilities.

JRS was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1989. Since that time, many dedicated board members, volunteers, and community leaders have worked to introduce JRS, explain its mission, and raise the funding necessary for its success.

In addition to seeking major support from public and private sources, JRS recently launched the Friends letter campaign

requesting contributions of \$25, \$50, and \$100. The returns thus far have been high -- a 10% response rate, as opposed to the 3% that is normal for this kind of mailing.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the volunteers who worked so hard on the Friends campaign, and also to our wise and helpful Advisory Committee," said Corinne Krause, vice president for fundraising. Commissioner Tom Foerster served as honorary chairman of the Advisory Committee which included a large roster of community leaders, many of whom also served as volunteers in the campaign.

Even with all this effort, JRS may have missed some potential supporters who would like to be part of this important effort. To help and for more information, call Deborah Dizard, JRS executive director at 422-5560, or write JRS, 1831 Murray Ave., Pittsburgh



**VOLUNTEERS** who worked on the Jewish Residential Services (JRS) Friends campaign display a drawing of the Staisey House Apartments in Squirrel Hill. Volunteers mailed more than 5,000 letters to members of the greater Pittsburgh Jewish community. From left: Anne Cohen, Blaire Kramer, Arnold Slifkin, Corinne Slifkin, Corinne Krause, and Jeanne Glick. Volunteers also included Carol Berger, Felice Cooperman, Bernice Elinoff, Linda Reel Halpern, Ada Hilsenrath, Ruth Kaplan, Kathy Krause, Donna Kruman, Amy Lowenstein, Frank Lowenstein, Dorothy Nadler, Marcia Ripp, Karen B. Ross, Nadine Kruman Roth, Sylvia Schutzman, Joanne Sosniak, Mary Jo Stern, Connie Sukernek, Milton Weiss, Rita Weiss, Amy Weiss, Harriet Weitzman, Leonard Weitzman, and Milton Wolf.

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