### The Historic George Knowles, Jr. Residence or Cambridge House

By Susan E. Ellman, MLS January 14, 2013



On Cambridge Avenue, only a block or two north of Brady Street on Milwaukee's Lower East Side, among an assortment of old two-story wooden houses and not so old apartment buildings, stand a pair of distinctive Cream City brick Victorians built in either 1875 or 1876 by George Knowles Sr., a prominent businessman who was born in England and came to Wisconsin in the 1840s. The elder Mr. Knowles lived at 495 Cass Street and died in November 1894. The house on the left as one faces them, 1879 N. Cambridge Avenue, formerly known as 321 Cambridge Avenue and 953 Cambridge Avenue,

was built for George Junior. The twin house next door to the north, 1903 N. Prospect, was intended for George's sister, Sophia Knowles Murdock. To their parents' chagrin, Sophie moved to California and sold the house to the Groom family. Emily Groom, the renowned painter, lived in the house for eighty-two years. On the other hand, 1879 has had a complicated history over they years, serving both as a home to a number of different families in succession for over a century and for nearly a quarter of a century, an internationally renowned center of healing and pioneering work in humanistic psychology.

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Mr. Knowles is survived by a widow and circle children. One of his daughters is Med. Merchels, who have the Los Angeles, California, and another daughter is Mrs. Walter Lindsay. The sons are George Knowles, Jr., and Francis, Charler, Shoridan and Richard Knowles.

The funeral of George Knowles will be held next Friday afternoon, though the arrangements are not yet completed.

wife Louise and their family, including son George K. Knowles, lived in the house until 1902, at which time they moved to 697 Marietta.

According to the Milwaukee society and club lists and city directories, from 1903 to 1908, it was home to a Miss Emily Norris, and from 1090 to 1913, to a Mr. and Mrs. William J. Doolittle. Its owner from 1918 to 1920 was one Mathew J. Connell. On December 30, 1921, Edgar J. Tapping, Jr. and Marion Tapping sold the house to Bradley Van Brunt and Laura R. Van Brunt. The Van Brunts sold it on February 10, 1937 to Glenway Maxon Jr. and Frances Maxon.

The Maxons, who were the last family to live in the house until Barry and Susan Ellman bought it in 1988, made several changes to the house, remodeling the kitchen, adding a master bathroom, replacing the pantry with a powder room and putting terrazzo floors some doorways, They owned it for the next twenty-two years.



By 1959, when the house was assessed at \$5,940 and the land at \$2,200, fewer of the Victorian brick houses on Cambridge Avenue remained. The houses to the immediate north and south of the Victorian twins still stood, including a larger, more modern Tudor-style at 1869, (likely built some time between 1894 and 1910, according to the insurance maps) but other older houses had been converted into rooming houses or demolished and replaced by moderate rent apartment buildings. Only numbers 1879, 1900, and 1903 escaped that fate and have thus managed to retain much of their original character.

Several persons and organizations expressed interest in 1879 for various uses other than a private family residence, including a convalescent home for elderly Jews.



The Maxons ultimately sold the building to an organization called the Community of St.

Martha, which after October 31, 1962 was called the Milwaukee Lay Academy. Thus began 1879 N.

Cambridge Avenue's illustrious history as an internationally recognized educational institution, a site for retreats, seminars, classes, a place of refuge for troubled souls, an institute for the training of mental health professionals, leadership training, and spiritual renewal. The sale also launched a long series of

correspondence between the owners of the building (and their attorneys) and the City of Milwaukee's building inspectors Board of Zoning Appeals.

According to the Brady Street Business Improvement District, "in the 1960s, Brady Street became Milwaukee's very own "Haight-Ashbury" complete with flower children, peace and love, underground political publications and the infamous hippiefest known as Brady Street Days."

(http://bradystreet.org/) But what really made the historic Brady Street district a unique destination in the past half century and distinguished it from Bay View or Mitchell Street or Villard Street, or any other ethnic neighborhood? What transformed an old working class Polish and Italian community into a countercultural Mecca and attracted people with progressive ideas and free spirits? Was it simply the taverns, restaurants, and entertainment venues and the easy availability of drugs that made Brady Street so distinctive in the 1960's?

Before the hippies, going back to 1959, Milwaukee already had its own little haven of spiritual awareness, just around the corner from Brady Street. Even before there was a Vietnam War to protest with teach-ins and demonstrations, there were people teaching peace and love at 1879 N. Cambridge. Throughout the 1960s and 70s, one of the most important pioneering centers for humanistic psychology, counseling, personal growth, and the professional training of therapists, educators, and social workers, changed hundreds, if not thousands, of people's lives in an extraordinary old brick building on Milwaukee's lower east side. In 1966, when 1879 became too small for CH's operations, the organization also purchased 1900 N Cambridge, another Victorian house across the street, which had formerly been the residence of Mrs. Emma H. Casey.

A marker on the outside never identified either Cambridge House building as a special kind of place, and the people who came here from around the city or even out of state for its many group sessions, seminars, and workshops, whether for a weekend or a longer period, roomed and boarded on the premises. Drugs were forbidden. Informants who could discuss the Cambridge House period of the building's history said that it was not the Brady Street influence that made Cambridge House what

it was. On the contrary, some would assert that the positive psychic energy helped transform Brady

Street. It certainly brought people to Milwaukee who would not have visited

when they did, seen the sights, or patronized local businesses.

The founder and first executive director, Ruth Morrison, seems by all accounts to have been a gifted and remarkable leader herself. At a time when society encouraged women to stay home and raise small children, Miss Morrison was teaching theology at Downer College, and she did educational

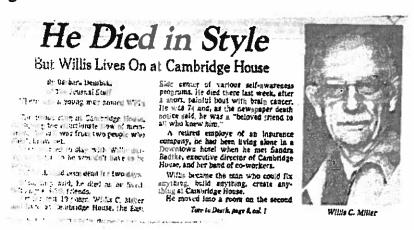


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consulting for the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee and other religious organizations. According to the April 15, 1966 *Milwaukee Sentinel*, Morrison had advanced degrees in psychology, psychotherapy, adult education, and theology. During the 1960s, she spoke at various conferences around the state of Wisconsin and beyond.

According to city records, the organization was called the Community of Saint Martha, and three women, Morrison Elizabeth Coles, and Julia Watkins. Originally operating out of an apartment on State Street, doing Bible study and dialogue with single women, they bought 1879 N. Cambridge in 1959, where they had retreats, seminars, and leadership training sessions, and they were officially accepted as a training center for three denominations: Episcopal, Methodist, and Church of Christ, accepting people of all different backgrounds. Morrison conducted workshops with religious groups around the state. In 1962, the group officially changed its name to the Milwaukee Lay Academy, and the stationery's logo represented both Christian and non-Christian traditions, in keeping with the organization's mission to serve as "a center for personal growth, rest, study, counseling, and prayer, regardless of race, creed, or color." An attic room served as a chapel (with the circuit box in the attic still bearing that designation) for Morrison and her assistants. An exhaustive correspondence flew over the years between the city of Milwaukee and Cambridge House's staff, directors, and attorneys, discussing complicated questions of how Cambridge House was being used and by whom and what alterations the building code required. Morrison did agree to a fire escape in 1966. The second

building, at 1900 also grew a fire escape, and for years it housed an elderly man named Willis Miller, a much-loved Cambridge House fixture, until his death in 1976.



The Milwaukee Journal, August 29, 1976

In time, especially as the group's name ultimately changed to the Cambridge House, the Christian religious affiliation ended. According to one person interviewed for this report, one offering at Cambridge House was Sufi meditation.

Due to the passage of time, many people once associated with Cambridge House have died, and the memories of many others have faded, which has revealed some misinformation. Some insist that 1900 was the original building, (although a search of city directories clearly proves otherwise) and some insist that Milwaukee's Cambridge House was the second such Human Potential center in the country, with Esalen Institute in Big Sur California being older. Although Fritz Perls may have begun teaching Gestalt Therapy at Esalen before anyone did here, Ruth Morrison's academy was already operating before Esalen. People from all over the metropolitan area and beyond came to Cambridge House to study personal growth, and educators, counselors, social workers, and psychotherapists from around the US came here for professional training in the latest philosophies and methods of humanistic psychology.

Gestalt Therapy was an important part of Cambridge House's program, and so were other forms of therapy, including Bioenergetics and Transactional Analysis and a new modality called Self Acceptance Training, pioneered here by Dick Olney. An internet search for SAT will yield

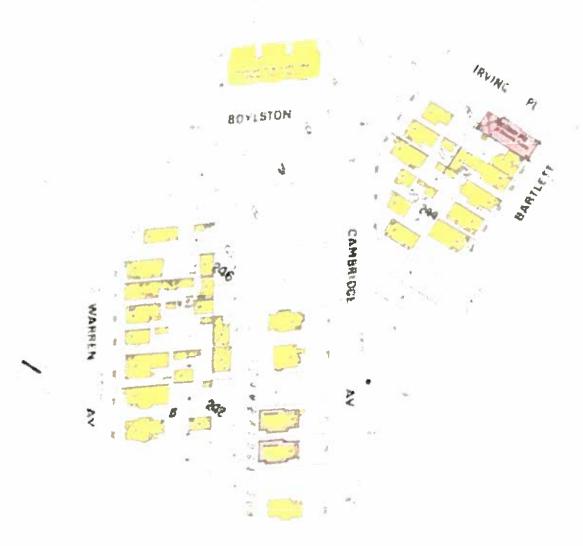
information about Cambridge House. The UWM Department of Community Education contracted in 1974 for Cambridge House to provide its students with instruction and even introduced a degree program in Personal Change, with classes to be taught at Cambridge House.

According to a small number of interviewees and a quick survey of newspaper articles, some of the guest instructors from around the country who taught at Cambridge House included Jack Marvin, the bioenergetics expert from Boston, Yetta Bernhard, the psychologist and communications director of the California Family Studies Center in Los Angeles, Elinor Berk-Schaibly of Chicago's Gestalt Institute, and Milwaukee's own (or Wisconsin's own) Virginia Satir. Cambridge House as an institution survived under exec director Sandra Badtke and then David B Henderson, MD until 1982.

From newspaper articles and fundraising letters, one can infer that Cambridge House struggled at times to survive as an institution. In 1982 a prospective buyer hoped to convert it into a clinic and counseling center for patients with sexually transmitted diseases, but the city's Board of Zoning Appeals rejected the proposal. Instead, the building returned to its original mission as a private residence with the sale that year to a single architect named James Boerner.

No other occupant of the building from the Knowles family in 1903 to the Ellman family in 1988 has remained as long as Cambridge House did. Gone, now, is the two-story fire escape that city of Milwaukee building inspectors demanded to comply with rooming house regulations, and gone is the turquoise green shag carpeting that once covered the floors and lower third of the downstairs walls. Not even the rose arbor in the garden remains, once built in memory of Willis, the caretaker who lived in Cambridge House for years and who asked that his ashes be strewn over the flowers behind the house. All that remain are the affection of hundreds and the memories of life-changing and healing work that went on in the house for many years.

#### Appendix 1





### Workshop Plans Made by Adult Education Group

of the department of adult education of the Wisconsin Council of Churches met at the Community Baptist Church of Allenville Tuesday.

Attending were Leon Haring, Milwaukee, Presbyterian, president; John Gaus, Madison, secretary; Don L. Knick, Watertown, Moravian Church; Rev. Harold Kolsky, Antigo, L. C. A. Church; Rev. Allen McCaul, Racine, East Methodist Ruth Morrison, Milwaukee, consultant, Milwaukee Lay Academy; William Rogers, Madison, UCC and Rev. Jack E. Van Liew, Allenville, Baptist

The challenge of this group is to develop a sensitivity toward and a skill in working with people, and to develop self-understanding as a minister.

Purpose of the meeting was three-fold. Allen McCaul of East Methodist reported on an indiana Plan workshop for 1967; plans were made for a pastars' conference with the Milwaukee Lay Academy in and leader workshops were set for different parts of the state during 1965-1966. The Rev. Jack E. Van Liew 15 workshop chairman and the theme is "The Believer Out In The World." He will evaluate workshop plans at a November meeting



#### **JAUNTS WITH JAMIF**

## Place to Rest And Reassess

THE MILWAUKEE Lay academy occupies a 14 room, 91 year old Victorian house at 1879 N. Cambridge av. It is called Cambridge House, yet it bears no identification. To the passers by it is just another old home that survived the rash of new apartment buildings in the neighborhood.

We had to and scones the other afternoon with academy's executive director, Miss Ruth Morr. son, and her administrative assistant, Miss Lucie Sieberg.

Miss Morrison said something we shall not soon forget, something that may well be the key to the academy's purpose, "What you can do is limitless, if you don't care who gets the credit."

THE MILWAUKEE Lay academy is a center for personal growth, rest, study, counseling and prayer, regardless of race, creed or color. It is an island retreat where one may step out of the mainstream of life for re-evaluation. In the mainstream are the shoals of lone-liness, alcoholism, divorce, anxiety, fear, drug addiction, suicide. At the academy one can rechart his or her course and plot a more satisfying future.

To put it another way, the academy is a laboratory of human relations for the practice of group leadership and membership. Participants gain a new understanding of the forces at work in every group and gain greater skill in democratic leadership and membership. In so doing, they get a new insight

into themselves and a deeper awareness of others.

MEETINGS, retreats and week long conferences are held at the academy. Participants eat, sleep and have their conferences without ever leaving Cambridge House, except those who are billeted at Juneau House, another academy residence.

The retreat aspect of these conferences serves a dual purpose — the distractions of the outside world are shut out and discussions may continue without interruption.

"Our program," said Miss Morrison, "is for those who want stop the world and get off." After a period of reflection and revitalization, they are ready to get back on with a better understanding of their place in and responsibilities to the world.

"People need to counsel themselves and others in some mutual frame of reference — ethics, morality, philosophy, religion or just plain living."

OCCASIONALLY, authorities on certain aspects of life and living are brought in to conduct seminars. Recently D. William Parker, clinical psychologist, University of Redlands (Calif.), spent the day with 30 participants.

Milwaukee Lay academy is used by business and professional men, the clergy, housewives and career women, most of whom are in the middle and upper income brackets.

We'll tell you about the academy's founder Friday.



#### **JAUNTS WITH JAMIE**

## She's Expert In 'Renewal'

The MILWAUKEF Lay academy, 1878 N. Cambridge av., is a new concept in man's facing up to the pressures and frustrations of today and tomorrow. Its executive director, Miss Ruth Morrison, has a master of arts degree in psychology from Ohio university and a master of arts degree from Northwestern university in adult education.

She also had three years of theological training at the Union Theological seminary, New York city. She did graduate work at the University of Chicago in religion and psychotherapy. In short, she is eminently qualified for her work in helping others to help themselves.

MISS MORRISON came to Milwaukee in 1948 to teach religion at Milwaukee-Downer college. Later, after the graduate work in Chicago, she became educational consultant to the bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Milwaukee.

In 1958, she established the Milwaukee Lay academy in a small apartment on N. Cass st.

"There were three of us," said Miss Morrison, "all volunteers. We were there two years when it became obvious that we needed a lot more space. In 1960, with no money or collateral, we borrowed enough on our personal notes from a bank to but our present Cambridge av. headquarters.

"We have since rented another large house, but will have to vacate it soon. We hope to buy a still larger building to replace it. Two of us are now paid staff members and we are in need of another full time assistant."

THE LAY ACADEMY is financed by its friends, including the participants. The program is one of individual and group self-renewal. The academy is a place for people to step out of their workaday world and learn more about themselves and those with whom they work and live.

"We have been accepted officially," said Miss Morrison, "as a training center for three denominations, Methodist, Episcopal and the United Church of Christ."

Cambridge House is, indeed, an oasis in a troubled world. It is Victorian and graciously furnished. There are three marble fireplaces. All of the handsome and comfortable furnishings were donated. The crucifix over the dining room fireplace was a gift of Sister Thomasita of Cardinal Stritch college.

All rooms are multipurpose. Miss Morrison's bedroom is used for meetings and conferences. On the second of three floors is a combination chapel and library. Everything is immaculate and in good taste.

Among several types of human relationship conferences is one on church renewal and another on receptive listening. Miss Morrison's work takes her throughout the midwest as a speaker, teacher and consulant on the work she is doing in Milwaukee.

## YWCA Lists Plans for Annual Meeting Monday

Miss Ruth Morrison, founder and director of Milwauken Lay Academ), will be the speaker for the 4th annual meeting of Janearille YWCA, Monday eve-ning, Her topic will be "Chris-ties Emphasis in the YWCA." Reservations for the 8 o'clock dinner, which will be served by women of Mt. Zion EUB Church, are to be made by Seturday noon. YW members and friends are invited.

Mus Morrison received her undergraduate training at Western Reserve University and graduate training at Octo University, Northwestern Univer-sity, Union Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago. She has graduate degrees in the fields of education, pay-

chology and theology.

She was on the faculty of Mount Holyeke College in philesophy and religion before found-ing Milwanken Lay Academy concerned with self understand-which offers programs for those ing, the dynamics of group re-the meditation.



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Right board members and five members of the nominating committee will be elected. Candidates for the heard are Mmes. John Lasse, David MacCulloch, Joon Lasse, Mayin Mastemorn, Gordon Callinon, Richard Har-ling, Henry Koeiner, Richard Laze, Henry Levilin, Lervy Markham, G. W. Mulder, Edwin Nash and John Shelp. Slated for the 1968-67 nominat-ing committee are Mines, Grant Resister Lohn Matlack Hiran Resister Lohn Matlack Hiran

Rossiter, John Matlack, Hiram M. Nowlan Jr., E. P. Schooff, K. L. Wilson and Miss Bernice Cadman.

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Janesville Daily Gazette, May 11, 1966, page 8

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Gentlemen.

Re: Premises - 1879 North Cambridge Avenue

This is in reference to the 2-1/2-story frame building located at the above-mentioned premises.

You are hereby ordered to refrain from using this building as a place of assemblage. This use is in violation of Section 28-2 of the Milamitee Gode of Ordinances which does not possib the use of a from building for public assemblage.

Reinspection will be made within the next thirty (30) days at which time compliance is expected.

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MILWAUKEE LAY ACADEMY • 1673 North Cambridge Avc. • Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202





Mr. Roger Paulsen 755 North Water Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Paulsen:

I would like to write to confirm our telephone conversation of last week. As I said I tried to reach you several bines by telephone on Monday August 22 before your appoint-Ment with Ar. Elmor Henry the building inspector. My reason for doing this was to tell you of the use of our building at 1879 North Campridge Avenue. The building will be used for the residence of myself and Lucie Sieberg and the chapel will be used by as also. In no way will this building be used for public assemblage and the campel will be for our private use also. Our reason for inquiring originally about a fire escape for our residence is simply because we do occassionally use the third floor chapel and another room there for office space and it seemed to us that for our own protection we ought to think in terms of a second exit in the form of a fire escape. We have talked with Mr. Art Dehn of the Wisconsin Fire Escape Co. and he has given us an estimate based on an "A" type which is going to be used at 1900 also. We sincerely hope that this letter will clear up the misunderstanding which we caused you to have and that you will be able to clear the use of our building with Ar. Henry.

thank you for remoring your services to us.

Sincerely yours,

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September 2, 1966

Mr. John R. Kroening Supervising Building Inspector Department of Building Inspection and Safety Engineering Municipal Building 841 North Broadway Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Re: Premises - 1879 North Cambridge Avenue

Dear Mr. Kroening:

This is in reference to your letter to our client of August 29, 1966 relative to the above captioned matter. In this regard I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from my clients on August 30, 1966.

You will note that my clients have changed their plans relative to the use of the property at 1879 Cambridge Avenue. You will also note from the enclosed letter that the property will not be used for public purposes whatsoever. The property will be used simply and solely for residence purposes for two individuals. In view of this determination I understand that the items contained in your letter of August 29, 1966 need not be performed as your order contemplated a quasi public use of the premises and in particular the chapel on the third floor. I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience on this matter.

Very truly yours,

BRADY. TYRRELL & BRUCE

Roger P. Paulsen

RPP:jp Enclosure

cc: Inspector E. Henry

## Little Sisters' Sponsor Retreat

Area women are being invited through their church groups of all denominations to a day of recollection Mar. 9, sponsored by the inter-denominational Little Sisters of the Sisters of St. Benedict.

The event will be at St. Benedict Center for Christian Unity, Fox Bluff.

The women will bring their Bibles and spend a day in discussion and prayer. The day will open at \$,30 a.m. and close at 3. Norzery care for children is being planned

Miss Ruth Morrison, former faculty member of Mt. Holjake and Milwaukee-Downer Colleges, who is the executive director of the Milwaukee Lay academy, will lead the discussions. There will be a modest charge for luncheon and expenses; no offerings will be taken

Mrs. Donovan Carpenter, 3541 Lucia Crest, is accepting reservations through Mar. 1. Other "Little Sisters" are:

Mrs. Churles Charnowitz, 1937 Regent st., Mrs. Stanley Nordrum, 819 Magdeline dr.; Mrs. Joseph Zaiman, 5819 Thrush lane; Mrs. Paul Acker, 2017 Bristol at., Middleton; Miss Cecilia Miller, 2409 Sommera ave.; Mrs. Ratael Sanches Jr., 4810 S. Hill dr., and Mrs. Michael Petrovich, 2109 Chadbourne ave.

Wisconsin State Journal, February 12, 1967

#### 'A Day of Recollection' at St. Benedict's Center

Miss BUTH Morrison, di-rector of the Milwaukee Lay Academy, will be leader for "A Day of Recollection" the Little Sisters of the Sisters of St. Benedict's Center for Christian Unity will spensor on Thursday, March 9, a the Cen-

Miss Morrison is the lounder and present executive director of the Milwankee Lay Academy. The Academy offers programs and opportunities for those concerned with self-understanding, the dynamics of group relations, the acquisition of sensitivity and leadership training skills and with church renewal. An independ en torgatization, Use Academy has at partici-pants people in business, industry, education, mental health, church and civic organ-: leations



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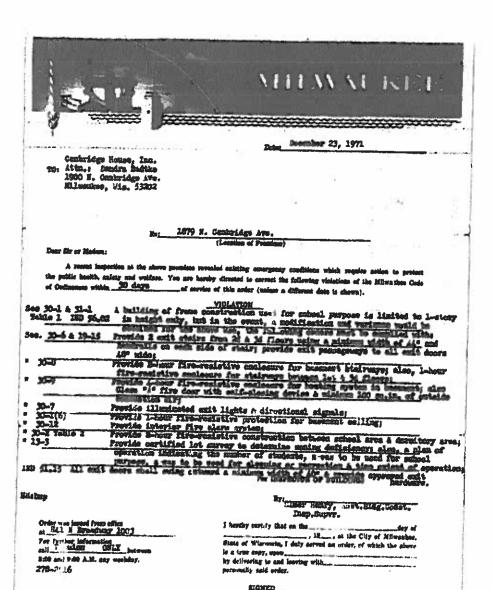
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A FORMER MEMBER of the faculty of Mount Helyake Cellege, Miss Morrison taught in the department of religion and philosophy at Milsaukce-Down. er College. She was also educalional consultant to the Episcopal Diocese of Milwauker.

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Department of Building Inspection and Safety, CITY OF MILMAUKEE City Hall 841 North Broadway Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Attention: Mr. Harry Samea

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#### HOUSE A Center For Human Potential

1900 N. CAMBRIDGE AVE. • MILWAUKEE, WIS. 53202 • (414) 273-6333

February 1, 1974

Richard H. Davis, Dean School of Education University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Dick:

At a special meeting of our Board of Directors, held last evening, the decision was made to undertake, as a pilot project, workshops for your community agency people, under the leadership of Dick Olney, during this current senester.

As we understand the agreement, we will receive \$1200 from the School of Education at UV-M, to apply to this project, a formal contract for which will be drawn up by our Board representative, Betty Wilson and Dick Olney, Consultant and Field Representative for Cambridge House, with Chuck La Paglia of your department. We will hope to get this formulated as soon as possible, and would appreciate your contacting Mrs. Wilson as soon as you can to get this underway. (956-6209)

The Board would also like to empress its intent to pursue, in association with the School of Education, the development of a proposal for a program for a Personal Change major, if it can be worked out in a nutually satisfying and beneficial arrangement. To that end, a committee from the Cambridge House Board is being appointed.

Thank you very much for your considerations, and we look forward to working with you and your department. If I can be of any further help to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,

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President, Board of Birectors

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May 15, 1974

Richard H. Davis, Dean School of Education Enderis Hall University of Wisconsin-Milwankee Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Dick:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff, and the people who will benefit and learn from it, we thank you for the wonderful sift presented at last night's Annual Meeting of the videotape.

We were surprised and delighted at this fine gift, and very proud of your staff and Bick Olney's artistic brilliance. We're also very happy that a public institution such as UMM and a private, non-profit organization such as ours are both compatible and have something great to offer each other. We look forward to a long and solid relationship, and our only regret is that you won't be among us to enjoy the relationship.

Our very best wishes to you as you venture out to new horizons, and please convey, once again, our gratitude to Jay and Paul and Jenny for a superlative job.

Best regards.

Max Taglin

President, Board of Directors

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1900 N. CAMBRIDGE AVE. . MILWAUKEE, WIS. 53202 . [414] 273-6333

May 23, 1974

Richard H. Davis, Dean Enderis Hall School of Education University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Dick:

The letter and contract for the Personal Change major proposal arrived today, and the letter you wrote was really wonderful. Your description of Cambridge House really impressed me! Yea, we are pretty good! And-we're holding our thumbs about it going through. It'd be a big thing for us and for UWM, if it does. Thanks -- for your trust and interest.

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Karmest tegards.

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#### HOUSE A Center For Human Potential

1900 N. CAMBRIDGE AVE. . MILWAUKEE, WIS. 53202 . (414) 273 6333

May 23, 1974

Richard H. Davis, Dean Enderie Enil School of Education University of Wisconsin-Milvaukee Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

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# community education

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE / MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53201

Agency:

Cambridge House, Inc.

1900 N. Cambridge Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Area:

Community Education Program

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

555 Enderis Hail

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Agreement: Educational Services, Academic Year 1974-75.

- Cambridge House, Inc. will deliver the following educational services to Community Education during the 1974-75 Academic Year for the total amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00):
  - .01 Provide aducational experiences for students in the Community Education Program in the area of personal growth via techniques developed by Cambridge House;
  - .02 Consult with Community Education staff in the development of a new personal change specialty in the Program;
  - .03 Assist in developing upper divisional personal change instruction for the Child Care and Community Change areas of specialty. This development will include familiarizing the staff with Cambridge House techniques necessary for delivery of personal change skills, both in the lower and upper divisional curricula.
- 11. The total cost of this service will not exceed \$10,000.00 and should be accrued in the following manner:

3rd Aldermanic District Alderman Griffin

July 16, 1975

Contridge House, Inc. 1879 North Centridge Avenus Milveukse, Misconsin 53202

> SUBJECT: Premises - 1879 H, Cembridge Avenue Zoning - Residential New, "C" Area 601 Jaiott Matrict

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This is to interm you that the openial use exception granted to you by the Board of Enning Appeals to operate a remains house for 15 persons at the above-subject presides will empire on July 25, 1977.

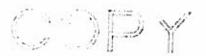
If you desire to continue using the building for this purpose, it will be necessary for you to re-apply to the Board of Sching Appeals for another special use comption in accordance with Section 16-5(4)(b) of the Milmukee Code of Ordinances.

Very truly yours,

ilen P. le Grend Inspector of Daildings

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In the Matter of the Appeal of:

No. 11265

Cambridge House, Inc.

Premises - 1879 North Cambridge Averue

The above nutter came on for hearing before the board on September 25, 1975, on appeal from an order by the inspector of Buildings of the City of Milwankee dated July 16, 1975, to discontinue the use of the above subject precises of a rooming house for fourteen (14) persons.

Section 16-8(4) fa; of the Milwauker Code of Ordinances;

A report from the City Plan Commission and a public hearing by the [Bord of Zoning Appeals are required.

Appearances: H. P. Schweitart, Planning Administration Robert K. Schrock, Bldg. Insp. Office Atty. Frank Lisks Sandra Badtke

The Board of Ioning Appeals, after receiving a report from the City Plan Commission and after due notice to the parties in interest and a public hearing, has determined that the special excontion for the use requested is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of this ordinace, will not substantially and permanently injure the appropriate use of neighboring property, and will serve the public convenience and welfere.

IT IS ORDERED:

That on a sotion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, a special use exception is granted for permit for the operation of a rooming house with no more than fourteen (14) roomers at 1879 North Cambridge Avenue, subject to the following conditions:

- That the building and premices shall, in all other respects, comply with applicable building and zoning code regulations.
- 2. That a rooming house license must be obtained.
- 3. That the required permits be obtained.
- That this special use exception is granted for a period of three (3) years, commencing July 24, Ints, and expiring July 23, 1978.

Inted, September 1 , 1978.

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## Cambridge offers help

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The center operates with a staff of nine, including three parttime maintenance personnel. Approximately 30 group leaders are

contracted for special groups.
Leaders go through strict screening, Batthe said, which she does herself. Having a long list of credentials, she said, does not

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from his community, co-workers and self references," she said, "We've operated totally inde-pendent for 22 years without fund-ing," Badtite said, "95 percent of our money comes from fees. The other five percent comes from tax deductible gifts."

The non-profit organization reaches people through brochures, a weekly one hour radio show and mailings. They also show and mailings. They also show and mailings. They also have monthly drop-in meetings for people to find out what is going on. The next such meeting is scheduled for Jan. 29.

Through 22 years of changes, the Cambridge Houses have "made a big impact on the com-munity." Butthe said. "We have a national reputation as being among the successful people in this type of thing. "

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### Cambridge House fills need, survives



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