



Personal care: visiting therapist Raymond Cuevas in a client's home.

Roslyn Williams, Cheshire Home resident chooses her groceries with a little help from Brenda Gilmore, home coordinator.



Anne Marie and Robert find camaraderie in the workplace.

Alternative Resources

In order to be socially integrated and live independently, a disabled adult needs adapted, subsidized housing, personal care services and a suitable occupation. The problem calls for alternative solutions, some being outside the existing Health and Social Service network. Alternative resources are custom made, designed to meet specific needs. Housing and workplace are managed by the disabled themselves, supported by the surrounding community and financed through private and public grants.

The Centre is recognizing these potentials and is pursuing research into the possibilities that can support the disabled in their own choices. Since 1985, we have been surveying current housing conditions for the disabled in Quebec and reviewing the published material to establish directions that promote alternative living. In 1987, our preliminary report on the subject appeared.

This year, the Centre received a grant of \$ 70,000 from the "Conseil québécois de la recherche sociale" to develop a project called "Intervention and Social Action Models for Developing Alternative Residential Resources". This new grant will allow us to continue this vital research towards a pilot project.

A colloquium on the subject, focusing on the experiences of British-Columbia, Ontario and Québec, will be hosted by the Centre on October 16, 1987.

At the same time, we have been pursuing investigations into the sphere of alternative work resources. The importance of innovative solutions in this area as well cannot be over-emphasized.