THANKS FOR A BANNER YEAR

This past year has been the biggest year in SHARE's history. Thanks to your help, SHARE was able to provide services and equipment for 63 different clients. We delivered 27 new systems and modified 7 others. Volunteers were kept busy repairing 14 systems (only 6 were ours) and we provided significant services such as locating an artificial larynx and providing equipment to clinics for client evaluation and short term use for 15 others.

SHARE's work was featured twice on national television and articles on our work appeared in literally dozens of newspapers coast to coast. We participated in 2 radio talk programs, conducted several seminar/workshops for professional organizations and addressed a total of 21 social, civic and fraternal organizations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

At year's end, we had about 20 individuals waiting for service and there were 8 systems under development. Your outstanding financial support made it possible for us to SHARE with others. We sincerely hope that you will continue to enable us to provide rehabilitation equipment and services to those we are able to help.

EMERSON GRAVELIN -
A CLIENT PROFILE

In each issue of SHARE notes we try to provide a profile of a SHARE client. Normally the profile is written by one of our volunteer writers. As this issue was going to press, we asked Emerson Gravelin, a man for whom SHARE built a communications system, to give us data on himself and his impressions of SHARE so that we could write an article on him. After reading his response, we decided to print it verbatim. Here is Mr. Gravelin's letter to the SHARE Notes staff.

"This letter is in reply to your request for a client profile;

I am a 38 year old man, and I have led an active life, school, the army, and then the post office for 14 years. I have been married almost 20 years, and my wife Delsie has been a big influence on my life. The last almost 4 years I have had ALS (Lou Gherig's), a disease that slowly robs you of all your muscles. I have been very fortunate to have received so much help from family and friends, also I have been part of an experiment with the drug TRH that hopefully will soon be approved by the FDA to possibly help slow the disease in other people.

Our first knowledge of SHARE was in March of 1985. We were at the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) office in Taunton, talking about fund raisers that we could participate in with Susan Oldrid, the Program Coordinator. She had just received information about SHARE and, when we mentioned that I would soon need a communication device, she suggested we go to SMU and see what they had to offer.

We met with Les Cory in May. He was very enthused about SHARE, and he showed us things for hours. We were impressed. Sue brought all the information back to MDA and has told many clients about SHARE. We chose a computer system that fit all of my needs and I have been very happy with it ever since.

I probably have written 100 letters with this computer system. It also has enabled me to communicate directions for shopping and anything else I can imagine. As my mobility decreases, SHARE has provided switches so that I can maintain communication. Believe me, communication is one of our most important abilities. I can still be a part of the on-going work and add some creative time to my schedule. I highly recommend SHARE for anyone with communication difficulties.

Please keep in touch with us about the progress of your project and give Les Cory our regards. Thank you."

Emerson Gravelin

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RANIA LAVRANOS - VOLUNTEER PROFILE

"I first came to SMU when I was a senior in high school--my Dad signed up for an evening course in BASIC and suggested I try it too."

Rania Lavranos is unforgettable, an enthusiastic young woman with strong ideas about her life and a real concern for the people around her. She remembers how her father--Costas Lavranos, manager of manufacturing at DATEL in Mansfield, MA--helped influence her becoming a SHARE volunteer.

"My Dad is really interested in my future and my career. During the computer course, he got to know Professor Cory, and brought me with him to see the lab where SHARE projects are done. Prof. Cory suggested I stop by when I became a student at SMU in the fall, and that's when I started to help out."

Rania began by doing "basic clean-up," and started to organize the many project parts which were scattered throughout the lab. As an electrical engineering major, she was later able to turn sketches from Profs. Cory, Viall, or Walder into switches to be used on equipment for SHARE clients. These she wired according to how they were to be used--push button switches, table switches, or sip/puff switches. When not doing this, she was wire-wrapping or soldering--anything to help out.

A serious student, Rania is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Society of Women Engineers, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE); she also holds down a part-time job as a technician at MetaByte in Taunton. A resident of Wareham, she helps the pastor of her church as an advisor for the Greek Orthodox Youth Association, and says proudly that the group raised $200 for the SHARE walk-a-thon last fall. "I'm the type that doesn't like to sit still," she says--unaware of making an understatement.

Now going into her senior year, Rania still makes time to stop by the SHARE lab, helping Linda Vandal with whatever is needed. "Every spare hour she has she spends here helping out," Linda says. "Anything I give her she does in excellent style, and she's wonderful to work with--I wish there were ten more like Rania!"

And for Rania, SHARE is special, too. "I'm not doing this for money," she says. "I like what I'm doing, and they (the people with SHARE) are fun to work with. I get fringe benefits out of this, too--I get to ask questions about class...My major concern right now is school, but even when I graduate I don't want to lose contact with them."

THE FOURTH ANNUAL BEN BOYLE GOLF CLASSIC

The Fourth Annual Ben Boyle Golf Classic for SHARE will be held this year on the weekend of June 20 and 21. As in the past three years, it will be co-hosted by the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club and the "Sunday Morning Golfers". Coordinating the event will be Ben Boyle's former golf partner, Ron Kostyla. Tee-off times will be from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at the North Kingstown Golf Course (Quonset). Tickets for the tournament are $35.00 each. This includes green fees, carts, and dinner. Additional guest dinner tickets are $15.00 each.

Since the golf tournament will be held over two days, the awards dinner will take place the following Saturday, June 27, at the West Warwick Elks on Clyde Street, West Warwick. It will be a family style dinner with prizes and dancing and, of course, the awarding of the proceeds to SHARE.

Many local businesses sponsor the "tees" where their signs are prominently displayed throughout the tournament.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or wanting more information about the tournament should call Ron Kostyla at 401-821-7527 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. any day.

Also, please call Ron to set up a tee time and join the fun!

HOW DOES IT FEEL

How does it feel to be C.P.?
Who can really say!
When it's just something you have to live with
Twenty-four hours a day.
STUDENT SPONSORED WALK-A-THON HUGE SUCCESS

Last October 26th saw the first annual SHARE Walk-A-Thon, the most successful fund-raising event in SHARE's history. Sponsored by the SMU student chapters of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), the event stepped off from the Francis Tripp Athletic Center on the SMU campus.

Plans are already being made for the 1987 walk which will be held on Sunday, October 25th. Please mark your calendar and plan now to join us for a day of fun. If you are able to serve as a captain and help to recruit walkers, or if you would like to help with registration or refreshments, please use the enclosed envelope to let us know or leave your name with Linda Vandal in the SHARE office.

The following account of the 1986 Walk-A-Thon was written by Paul Remy, one of the wheelchair participants in the 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) event. Paul, who is a student at SMU, has Cerebral Palsy. He was one of the organizers and walk captains last year.

A WALK TO HELP THOSE WHO CANNOT TALK

On October 26, 1986, the sun did not make its appearance through the gray cloudy sky and rain occasionally fell. This gloomy day gave many the perfect excuse to sleep late and watch a full afternoon of football. Nearly 200 brave souls ignored the weather and arming themselves with warm clothing and rain gear made their way to the Southeastern Massachusetts University gym. After pledge sheets were checked and registration forms were completed, the starting pistol was pointed skyward and fired. The shot signaled the walkers to break through the yellow starting ribbon to begin the first annual 10 kilometer SHARE walkathon.

The walkathon took months of careful planning and organizing. Walkers were recruited and given pledge sheets; and, in the weeks before the event, they asked relatives, friends, and colleagues for pledges. Many pledge sheets listed over $300 in pledges and one broke the record by totalling over $1,100.

As the walkers, joggers, and those in wheelchairs passed through the starting gate, family members and friends waved and wished them God speed. Participants who were unable to propel themselves in their wheelchairs were pushed along the walkathon route. The first task was to locate the first check point. Many looked at their maps of the walkathon route to determine if they were going in the right direction.

On the walkathon trail, friends were talking as they marched. Some walkers wore gloves as the temperature dipped. Mother Nature was considerate by holding the rain in the clouds.

Refreshments were donated by Coca Cola and Claflin Home Health Center. At the half way point, many walkers rested their weary feet while refueling their bodies with drinks, apples, and oranges before returning to the gym.

Meanwhile back at the gym, hot dogs were cooking and popcorn popping awaiting the returning walkers. The walkers headed to the tables where the hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks were served. As they were eating, the tired walkers found comfortable places to rest and to renew acquaintances.

The walkathon brought in nearly $14,000, more than twice as much as expected. SHARE is using the money to develop several personalized communication systems.
CLAIRED CARNEY - DIRECTORS' PROFIE

"Oh, no! Now everyone will know how old I am." That was the initial response of Claire T. Carney, when this reporter called to tell her that she had been selected as the subject of the Directors' Profile in this issue of SHARE notes.

(No, although it jumps out at you on the third line of the resume: Date of Birth: June 18, 1925, you'll not get her age from me. Chivalry is not dead yet.)

But don't break your necks fellows practicing the venerable Victorian ... veneer virtues, like opening a door, for this lady. There is a spark of feminist fire in the message on the envelope:

POSTMAN/WOMAN PLEASE DO NOT BEND NOR FOLD - PICTURE ENCLOSED

And one gets a sense of her wry humor when he/she reads the last line of the section of her resume entitled AWARDS

*Presented "Alumni Service Award" for distinguished service and loyalty to SMU Alumni Association.
*Selected as 1st "Woman of the Year" in YWCA Tribute to Excellence, 1984.
*Recipient of mechanical heart valve, June 1986. (Sic -- At a seven hour operation at Deaconess Hospital!!)

Since SHARE is such an admirable cause ... I have no alternative but to enlist ..."

Those words of encouragement came from Claire in reply to a solicitation. At the time, little did the solicitor know of the courage of the sender. In a few short weeks, Claire Carney herself was to undergo one of the biggest battles of her life. She was scheduled for surgery to repair a problem with a valve in her heart. The fault with the valve, the result of rheumatic fever in early childhood, was by degrees wearing her down to the point where she could no longer negotiate even a few ordinary stairs. But only her family and the closest of friends could have guessed her weakened condition. There was never a word of complaint from this spunky young lady.

Her schedule included a full time job as Treasurer of Claremont Corporation, parent company of Claremont Development Associates, Inc. and Claremont Management Company, Inc. (Last year the corporation was ranked by INC Magazine as the 64th fastest growing company in the United States.) She was also serving as trustee of Southeastern Massachusetts University, an Advisory Board member of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, member of six other local and national organizations, mother of three sons and a daughter, grandmother to eleven, patron of the arts, and volunteer director of SHARE FOUNDATION.

Following her on her hectic schedule, as she helicopters to a meeting at the Claremont offices at 175 Federal Street in downtown Boston or takes the company limo to Logan for a brief vacation at her home in Palm Beach, where sliding glass doors look out upon the Intra Coastal Waterway ... or hosts a party at the dedication of The Carney Dining Room, donated to Boston College by the family in Memory of Hugh James Carney (1919-1962) ... or chairs the investiture ceremonies at the installation of a new president at Southeastern Massachusetts University (twice), one has to marvel at her success.

Life wasn't always helicopters and jets and sumptuous parties for Claire Carney.

To young Philippe Galipeau, in Canada, came word of the prosperity in the burgeoning economy in the states to the south. Rhode Island and the southeastern portion of Massachusetts, where textiles triumphed, beckoned him. Dominated by the twin cities of Fall River -- known as the Spindle City -- and New Bedford -- of whaling fame and newly transformed to textiles -- the region was teeming with prosperity.

Young Rose Anna Bélhumeur had also come to this region of opportunity seeking her fortune. The two met, fell in love and married in Woonsocket. Their marriage was blessed with the births of Jeannette, George, Lucille and Claire. Meanwhile, buoyed by a sea of debt from World War I, the world economy boomed. It was the "roaring twenties."

But then the debts of World War I began to mature. The once booming world economies began to sputter; long strikes hit the textile industry. The Great Depression had arrived. Though Philippe, a foreman at a drop forge plant was a good provider, relatively speaking, everyone was to feel the pinch.

Jeannette (Mrs. Richard Greenwood) recalls that Rose Anna was no spendthrift. When the girls wanted a nickel for candy, mother would point to the line of people waiting at the "Car Barn" soup kitchen and chide, "Those people don't have money for food and you want money for CANDY!"

(The "Car Barn" garaged the New Bedford trolleys -- the principal form of transportation for the predominantly auto-less population of the era. So there may have been just a touch of nostalgia added to the usual, hard-nosed, "bottom line" analysis when the Claremont Corporation recently took on the project of renovating the historic Car Barn as apartments for the elderly. The project received wide-spread architectural acclaim and several awards.)

And though the family always had enough, when one of the apartments in
the wooden three-decker home in which they lived was empty, they would have to tighten the budget to absorb the reduction in rental income. Then the extra income Rose Anna was able to earn as a seamstress proved very helpful.

After eight years of conscientious study at Sacred Heart School and another four years of commercial studies at New Bedford High, Claire graduated, and followed her sister to the Morse Twist Drill, where she took a job in the Inventory Department. The job was to be of limited duration, but later very important, for it was there that she first met Hugh J. Carney.

Though America was still at peace, Hitler was already rampaging through Europe. Soon she was working in the Quartermaster's Office at Otis Air Base and later as a purchasing agent at the United States Naval Hospital in Newport, R.I.

In 1944, while he was on an unexpected furlough, Claire and Hugh were married ... for four short days. Hugh was sent overseas, and it would be two years before he returned.

After the war, with the births of Doreen, Patrick, Mark, and Hugh "Jay", life became a blur of diapers, chicken pox, measles, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, scratches and bruises. But through it all, there was always the warm, comforting, stabilizing presence of Hugh.

In 1962, Hugh died -- of a pancreatic infection, following surgery upon a stomach ulcer.

The program booklet, printed on the occasion of the dedication of the Carney Dining Room at Boston College, pays this tribute: "Laughing, jesting, teasing, he enjoyed people and he made them comfortable. He told jokes and amused young and old with impromptu magic tricks.

"He would sit at the piano for hours and play in his own inimitable way anyone's favorite tune. He also had a capacity for involving everyone in a relaxed softball game. He was a people charmer."

But now he was gone - Claire was a widow; the children were 15, 13, 12 and 10. Again, life was to be a struggle. But this tough lady takes as her motto: "Just refuse to be vanquished."

Claire dusted off her previously acquired accounting skills and went back to the Morse Twist Drill & Machine Company. The family struggled. It wasn't easy: but, through it all, their faith sustained them.

Patrick was bright and ambitious. He started his enterprise while still an undergraduate at Boston College. In the postscript to a note, Claire writes: "Claremont was started in 1968 ... we operated from my dining room!

I signed all the mortgages and papers because he (Pat) was too young."

The rest is history ...

This report was to have concluded with the above four words. Your amateur reporter wanted so much to end with that Hollywood touch; the ending (he thought) would have been so stylish!!

... And yet so incomplete! This profile would have completely overlooked what is perhaps this remarkable woman's most significant quality -- her maternal concern for ALL members of her family ... and, by extension, her community. She insists that her son Mark be recognized for winning the many awards that Claremont receives, and that Jay's "development contribution has made Claremont's expansion possible" and that everyone knows that her daughter Doreen (who will soon be completing the requirements for an M.D. at Boston University) "surely was the source of (my) confidence during surgery."

And others will tell you of how she enlisted donors of blood for the badly needed platelets when her brother-in-law was dying ... others of her purchase of equipment for the disabled ... while still others tell of her concern for proper housing for the elderly and less fortunate.

Little wonder that lately fortune has smiled upon Claire T. Carney.

REHABILITATION ENGINEERING CENTER APPROVED BY SMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At its March 26, 1987 meeting, the SMU Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a rehabilitation engineering center within the College of Engineering.

The Southeastern Massachusetts University Center for Rehabilitation Engineering, funded in part by donations and contributions from the SHARE Foundation, is established to improve the quality of life of disabled individuals by the creative application of engineering knowledge and expertise. This center will serve at the regional, national and international levels, and will be an enduring example of the application of science and technology to the betterment of mankind.

The pioneering work of the SHARE Foundation, and the significant growth in the numbers of people served by the Foundation, has made possible the establishment of such a center at the University. Although SHARE as an entity is organizationally and administratively separate from the new center, it is anticipated that the work of SHARE and the SMU Center will be complementary in their respective efforts to serve the disabled.

The SMU Center shall be governed by the Center's Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall have authority to create by-laws for the operation of the Center and shall have the responsibility for approving and authorizing Center projects, policies, contracts, and programs in accordance with University policy and guidelines.

Founding members of the Governing Board will be appointed by the SMU president from the existing Board of Directors of the SHARE Foundation, and will serve one year terms.

The Center will be staffed according to existing University guidelines; however, because of the labor-intensive nature of the work, volunteers, paid consultants and contract workers will also be part of the staff.

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Volunteers Feted at SHARE Banquet

The first annual volunteer appreciation banquet was held on January 27th, 1987 at JT's Family Restaurant in Somerset. Nearly 100 were in attendance including the SHARE Board of Directors, 40 honorees and their invited guests. Special plaques for OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE were presented to SMU's president Dr. John R. Brazil and to Lifestyle editor Jean Judge of the Fall River Herald News. Both of these individuals have been extremely supportive of the kinds of activities in which the rehabilitation engineering project at SMU has been involved. Jean Judge not only wrote the first story about Linda Texceira which led directly to the establishment of SHARE but she has also written numerous articles describing SHARE's involvement with other local clients including Laddie Holt, Steve Resendes, Richard Jacobs, Paul Remy and John Tetrault.

Forty individuals were presented awards for VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO BENEFIT THE DISABLED. Those present were:

Don Armfield  Ed Limoges
Roger Bennett  Jean Limoges
Melissa Bouffard  Teresa Lopes
Patricia Cory  Donald Mulcare
David Costa  Carol Novo
Brian Cross  Marion O'Brien
Kathleen Curry  Edward Peck
Judy Edwards  Paul Remy
Warren Edwards  Thomas Riley
Susan Fontaine  Robert Ryan
Ted Gagliardi  Rae Sherblom
Richard Gonsalves  Robin Singer
Marty Gruer  Al Texceira
James Kimball  Linda Texceira
Ron Kostyla  Martha Texceira
Rania Lavranos  David Thomas

Claudette Viall  Margie Walder
Kenneth Viall  Nonie Walder
Laura Viall  Mark Whittaker

Another 13 who were honored but unable to be in attendance were:

Pat Accardo  Liz Moreau
Jo Ann Bettencourt  Jack Nolan
Edward J. DeSouza  Karen Pragana
Henry Froment  Marc Scanlon
Sid Martin  Greg Stone
Joseph Martins  Ray Vezina
Charles McCarrick  Brad Wordell

The above individuals are the behind-the-scenes workers who have made all of the activities of SHARE possible. These are the people who have done the design work, the software development, the equipment fabrication, the newsletter writing and editing, the photography, the research, the phone calling, the equipment delivery, the tutoring, the fund raising, the bookkeeping, the report writing, the typing, the letter writing, the public speaking, the packing, the shipping and all of the dozens of other tasks that need to be done to enable SHARE to provide service and equipment for its clients.

This event provided the first opportunity for many of the volunteers to meet the others with whom they have worked by phone or letter but never in person. Some individuals have designed and built parts of the same system but have never been in the lab at the same time. Following the meal, Lester W. Cory, Philip H. Viall and Richard Walder shared the spotlight by thanking everyone for all the work they had accomplished throughout the year. Volunteer Robin Singer had a surprise of her own for the three founders and presented them with a tool carrying briefcase. The evening was a complete success and was enjoyed by all. It was an excellent opportunity for all the volunteers who worked on different committees to finally have a chance to meet each other. The event was funded by donations given especially for the banquet and by the sale of tickets to the guests of the volunteers.

INADEQUATE WORDS

Man can write poetically
About a gorgeous sky,
Or describe in metered verse
A pretty butterfly.

He can tell of green spring meadows
In vivid glowing prose
Or bring to life a forest
With its graceful bucks and does.

But somewhere, yes, there is a line
Which not a word can cross,
A shallowness of language
Where adequacy is lost.

And here, there opens up a void
Between the thought and word,
The deepness of a meaning
Which can never quite be heard.

Then, where are the writers
And the poets with their pens?
With all their finest works of art,
Can they console a friend?

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POET LAUREATE
Harold Holt ("Laddie" to all who know him) has been referred to as the Poet Laureate of Riverside, Rhode Island. Born with Cerebral Palsy, Laddie lacks independent mobility. Until he received a custom designed writing/speaking system from SHARE, he communicated by the tedious process of maneuvering his foot to strike keys on a typewriter placed on the floor in front of him. In this way, he has written scores of poems and several published articles. The poetry below and other places in this issue was taken with his permission from his book of poems entitled "As I Am" published in 1980.

The toughest part for us was selecting a sample from his book because his writing is so very good and his style is so varied from one poem to the next. From youngster to oldster there is something in his book for everyone. "As I Am" may be purchased from the author for $5.00 postpaid. Write to Mr. Harold Holt, 17 Avenue B, Riverside, R.I. 02915.

Today Laddie continues his writing by means of his electronic communications system. We await the release of his next volume of poetry. You may be certain that poems on nature and childhood will abound as will poetry on his favorite subject, the ocean and its beauty. Look for a "client profile" on Laddie Holt in a future issue of SHARE NOTES.

A FRIEND
There is something in the hearts of men That needs and wants to have a friend. Some person that to him alone Stands above all others he has known.

Someone he’s grown with through the years To share his joys and know his fears. Someone he knows will really care A person who will always dare

To tell him when he’s in the wrong, And have a patience that is long. Of all the treasures God gave men, The greatest treasure is a friend.

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A TYPICAL SHARE SYSTEM

By now, you’ve learned that SHARE develops and fabricates rehabilitative devices for use by disabled individuals. These systems vary in design, customized on a per-client basis for people unable to communicate (unable to speak, write, or gesture) due to affliction, accident, or illness.

Most systems include a computer-driven video display, customized word and sentence lists, a device for summoning aid, and a printer. Some systems even include voice synthesis capabilities and means of controlling electrical outlets.

Each system is controlled by a user-suitable switch mechanism. Some are hand- or finger-operated, some are triggered by leg or foot motion, and some are head-operated. Some clients even control their systems by raising and lowering their eyebrows.

The Technology Behind SHARE

Most clients are immobilized, lacking the ability to use a keyboard as a means of constructing sentences. SHARE’s basic system configuration presents the client with a screen display consisting of letters, short words, and phrases.

Arranged in columns and rows, a block of arrows acts as a cursor scanning across the columns. The cursor moves slowly when a client first begins using a system. Gradually, the cursor scanning speed increases with the client’s ability to initiate selections.

After selecting the column containing the letter or word desired, the cursor begins moving down the column highlighting individual entries in the column. Again, the client selects the entry needed to build the word or phrase that becomes a sentence.

SHARE custom-builds each system to suit the client’s physical limitations. A selection occurs as a result of some sort of switch activation. Where clients may be able to control their head movements, a switch would be mounted to their wheelchair headrest or bed. SHARE has built systems activated by eyebrow movements, fingers passing through beams of light, and very slight muscle movements.

A First Step

SHARE has recently developed a very simple device to train clients and develop their coordination before they receive a full-blown system. The device has eight ‘pockets’ used to display changeable graphic symbols. Each pocket has a red light below it and the trigger in this case is a switch similar to a telegraph key. The light under a picture illuminates, prompting the client to depress the switch. When the switch closes, the light goes off and another light under another picture goes on.

The device is already viewed with great interest by some local physical therapists. Small enough to place on a table, it offers the basic training challenges needed for those first rehabilitative steps towards communication and independence.

The Challenge Goes On

With each application, the volunteers at SHARE become more resourceful. The goal of freeing someone from a silent world demands sacrifices and dedication as well as challenges to the mind.

Realizing that goal, however, is a reward in itself that the people at SHARE get to enjoy over and over. Won’t you help?

Contact SHARE today. Your donations, your unneeded equipment, and your time are always appreciated.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are reading our newsletter and finding it interesting, please consider helping us to expand the scope of our work. Today there are dozens of individuals who have come to us for help but we have had to ask many of them to wait because we lack the resources of equipment, labor and money to satisfy their needs right now.

You can help us to help others by volunteering your time, by donating computer equipment and by giving us your financial support. If every person who receives SHARE Notes sent in $15.38 then together with anticipated revenues from special events, we could serve the needs of nearly everyone who has come to us for help. Please consider becoming a part of SHARE by making a contribution now.

When I communicate through my computer it is as if my mute wonder rose as a young Prometheus and touched the essence of our humanity for communication is the fire Prometheus stole from the gods...

from a letter written to SHARE by the late Richard Jacobs.

SHARE Foundation, Inc.
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North Dartmouth, MA 02747

ONE OF THOSE DAYS

It seems like everything I tried today
Has somehow gone dead wrong.
I tried to do some writing
But it didn't flow along.

I saw a friend that I do love
But I acted awful shy,
I got so very nervous
And still, I don't know why.

And now I'm sitting here alone
Feeling kind of low,
Looking at the sun go down
Like a ball of fire in the glow.

But I know that come tomorrow
I'll try with all my might,
And maybe with a little luck
Things will come out right.

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