

Bereavement Care

for all who help the bereaved

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A vital step for **CRUSE** — the launch of our regular magazine

THE PUBLICATIONS OF CRUSE HAVE UNTIL NOW BEEN mainly designed for the widowed. With this first issue of **BEREAVEMENT CARE** we embark on a new publishing venture with the aim of providing all the people who work to help the bereaved with a forum for discussion and further education.

Cruse has always been proud of being able to call on the dedicated help, generously given, of men and women many of whom spend their professional lives in the caring professions. They join with the widowed to give of their precious spare time to help make Cruse an organisation that has commanded international respect and admiration for the high quality of the work it does with the widowed and their families.

We have felt for some time the need for a house journal which would reach our volunteers and would keep them informed of developments in the field of counselling, and especially bereavement counselling, as well as to spread news of activities and innovations in the Branches.

It is the growth of Cruse which makes this publication essential if the organisation is to achieve its policy of maintaining uniformly high standards of service to the widowed and their children. We shall have more than 80 Branches by the end of this year and several Steering Committees at work at that time. Over 2,000 people are now involved in working for Cruse in one way or another; at least 25 training courses for volunteer counsellors and other workers within Cruse will be run during 1982.

We warmly record our thanks to the King Edward VII Hospital Fund for London for the grant which has enabled us to launch this journal. We plan to have three issues a year. There will be a regular column from our Director as well as reviews of books and journal papers, a diary of events and a correspondence column.

We begin appropriately with some reflections on Cruse's early years from our Founder and a paper by our Chairman on a problem that all of us who work with the bereaved must face — the threat of suicide. Later we hope to publish profiles of individual Branches.

Please write to us and let us know what you think and what you would like to see in future issues.

GRIEF AFTER VIOLENCE - WE CALL A MEETING

Responding to an increasing awareness of the special needs of those bereaved after a violent death, Cruse is calling an international two-day conference on the subject in London next Spring.

"Bereavement Following Violence" will be on April 14-15, 1983. at London University Institute of Education, Bedford Way, W.C.1. Along with workers from branches throughout the country, the conference is expected to attract professionals from other agencies including some from overseas.

Sessions will cover bereavement following man-made and natural disasters; accidents, suicide, murder, war and terrorism.

One likely result: more branches will include the subject in their counsellor training.