



# On With Life, Inc.

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"No Time To Spare, Support Head Injury Care"

## NEWS LETTER

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(Jun '88)      We appear to be on a roll! The past months have been exciting with numerous meetings involving contacts in the Des Moines and Ankeny area to present our proposal for a facility, along with the history of OWL, Inc., and a sound business plan. Several of the prominent major medical insurers, the movers and shakers in Ankeny, and the Iowa Department of Economics Development have been among our contacts. Polk County Supervisors Brannan and Willets hosted a meeting in May with Health Services and the Department of Human Services, and in early June we are to meet with those persons in Des Moines who consider projects eligible for county community development funds.

We have recieved letters of support from the "Big 3" hospitals and had a cordial and supportive meeting with Dr. William De Gravelles at Younker Rehab.

There has been enthusiastic reception at all these meetings, which of course have the purpose of fund raising. DED has been most interested, as is Supervisor Brannan and the Mayor of Ankeny, Ollie Wiegel.

Our intial and immediate goal is to secure community funding from private corporations which will enhance our eligibility for funds from DED and the County.

An application for a \$50,000.00 grant has been submitted to the Mid-Iowa Health Foundation and we expect to be hearing about that soon. On June 2nd, we recieved our first formal response from a major corporation requesting additional specific information regarding our request for a contribution toward the proposed new Head Injury Rehabilitation Facility for Iowa.

*Great works are performed  
not by strength but  
by perseverance.*

*Samuel Johnson*

Without question our major thanks go to Bill McMordie, Marvin Tooman, Central Iowa Care, Inc., (Bud Wiuff, Howard Steil, and Augie DaRos) for their diligent work in preparing the history, needs, and business plan that has so effectively introduced our project.

Beyond that Marv, Bud, and Howard deserve our heartfelt thanks for the many hours they have spent in meetings and planning.

My own personal thanks to the other Executive Board members—John Smith, Paul Jorgenson, and Eli Wirtz—for their week-to-week work and willingness to meet on a frequent basis as we draw close to our goal.

Just as head injury is called the silent epidemic, so too, we are all aware that we have had a silent, yet guiding power as we pursue what was once a dream for us all, and appears to be an undoubted reality in the near future!

Keep OWL in your thoughts and prayers, and we will keep you posted.

Doris Konkol, Pres.  
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