

Q. HOW IS THE COMMUNITY CHEST OPERATED AND WHO DECIDES THE ALLOCATION FOR THE VARIOUS AGENCIES?

A. The policies of the Community Chest are determined by a Board of Directors consisting of 32 people serving without pay and elected at the annual meeting of the Chest. All contributors to the Chest are members and may vote at the Annual Meeting. An appointed Budget Committee annually reviews the budget requests of all member agencies. The combined budget requests of the agencies determine the Campaign Goal.

Q. WHY SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHEST WHEN SOME AGENCIES CHARGE FOR SERVICE?

A. No Chest agency operates at a profit nor is it intended to. The Chest merely supplies the funds averaging less than half of the agencies' needs to make up the inevitable deficit of agencies supplying many free or less-than-cost services.

Q. HOW ABOUT A CASE I KNOW WHERE THE CHEST REFUSED TO HELP?

A. In the first place, the Chest itself does not render service. Individuals who apply at the Chest office are interviewed and an appointment made for them with the agency best suited to their needs. If it is reported that one of the Chest agencies refused to help get the facts, call the Council of Social Agencies, and a full investigation will be made and reported back to you.

Q. MAY I DESIGNATE THAT MY CONTRIBUTION BE GIVEN TO A PARTICULAR AGENCY?

A. Yes, you may contribute to any one of the 42 agencies.

Q. ISN'T THERE TOO MUCH RED TAPE ABOUT GETTING HELP FROM A CHEST AGENCY?

A. When there is a real emergency any Chest agency is ready to act at once. However, in 99 cases out of 100 there is time enough to do things right. This means finding out the facts, determining what help is needed and what agency, Chest, public or private is best equipped to supply it. If the agencies gave service without knowing these things it would be impossible to do a good job for the people involved and could mean that a few people might waste time and money of several different agencies.

Q. WHAT IS THE CHEST'S RELATION TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS?

A. There are 3 classifications of people who may apply for hospital care: those who pay their own costs, those who are unable to pay and must be cared for (by law) out of public tax funds, and those who find it difficult or impossible to pay because of limited income. It is this third group that the Chest aids. Some cases need only temporary help and repayment terms are arranged if they so desire, the money going into the fund to help others. If some such plan were not used, the hospitals would have to raise their rates for those who can pay to cover their losses on free or part-pay cases.