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November 23, 1965

Dr. Count D. Gibson, Jr.
Chairman
Department of Preventive Medicine
Tufts University School of Medicine

Dear Count:

Because I will be out of the city, it will be impossible for me to attend Open House for the Columbia Point Health Center on December 11 and/or December 12, 1965. I am writing this note to you because I want you to know I have been following this project quite closely, and I am most pleased to see its rapid formation and early growth.

Please be assured that I am available to assist the project in any way that I can as needed.

Yours cordially,

Leonard C. Mead Vice President

ICM/h

The Columbia Point Health Association

and

The Department of Preventive Medicine of

Tusts University School of Medicine

cordially invite you

to the

Open House

of the

Columbia Point Health Center

300 Mount Vernon Street

Dorchester, Massachusetts

Saturday, December 11, 1965 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

and

Sunday, December 12, 1965 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.

The Columbia Point Health Center is the first unit of a comprehensive community health action program established by the Department of Preventive Medicine of the Tufts University School of Medicine. Its development has been made possible by a recent grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Through the Health Center, direct medical care, preventive health service, and health education will be made available to the 6,500 residents of Boston's Columbia Point Housing Development. These services will be provided by a staff of family care physicians, public health nurses, social workers, health educator, community organizers, and community health aides.

The Columbia Point Health Association, as one of its first activities, will have a voice in planning the operations and services of the Health Center. It is anticipated that its members, who are residents of Columbia Point, will plan, sponsor, and conduct health education programs in the community interest and play a significant role in the health education activities of the Health Center.

This urban northern health center and the activities surrounding it are an integral part of a two-part program planned by the Tufts Department of Preventive Medicine with headquarters in the Tufts - New England Medical Center. A similar health center and association will be established in a rural area of the south in a community yet to be chosen. Together, these two centers and their health programs will yield information and experience related to the possible development of similar health projects elsewhere.

Opening Ceremonies immediately preceding Open House

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Saturday, December 11, 1965
2:00 - 3.30 P. M.
R.S.V.P. by November 30, 1965 - Tickels Required

Cooperating agencies:

Boston Police Department
Paul A. Dever School

And

the residents and organizations of Columbia Point who have given generously of their time