

Building Program !

Kaliyampoondi, our largest project, has 250 children, housed in eight rented buildings. Anyone donating \$5000 or more for the new building will have a hexagonal plaque posted at the main entrance in honor of a person of their choice - or with a few words of their choice.

This initiative resulted from the efforts of Saskatchewan educators, Austin and Cathy Gerein, right, volunteering at our Kaliyampoondi Home in 1998-99. They were inspired by their son, Nathan, who had spent three months at Gujarat Child Haven. When Austin and Cathy saw the importance of the work of Child Haven, and the possibility of losing the rental accommodations, the need for a new facility - owned by Child Haven - became obvious.

Austin was the President Elect of the Rotary Club of Flin Flon. Child Haven manager, S.B. Nathan, introduced Austin to K. Elangovan of the Rotary Club in Kanchipuram, near Kaliyampoondi. The two clubs agreed to work together. Austin also obtained the support of the Rotary Club of Swan River.

Child Haven will soon begin work on the main building as soon as the matching money is raised. The Rotary Clubs will fund the pump house, well, holding tank, as well as bath and toilet block. They will also equip the kitchen and electrify the main building once it is completed.

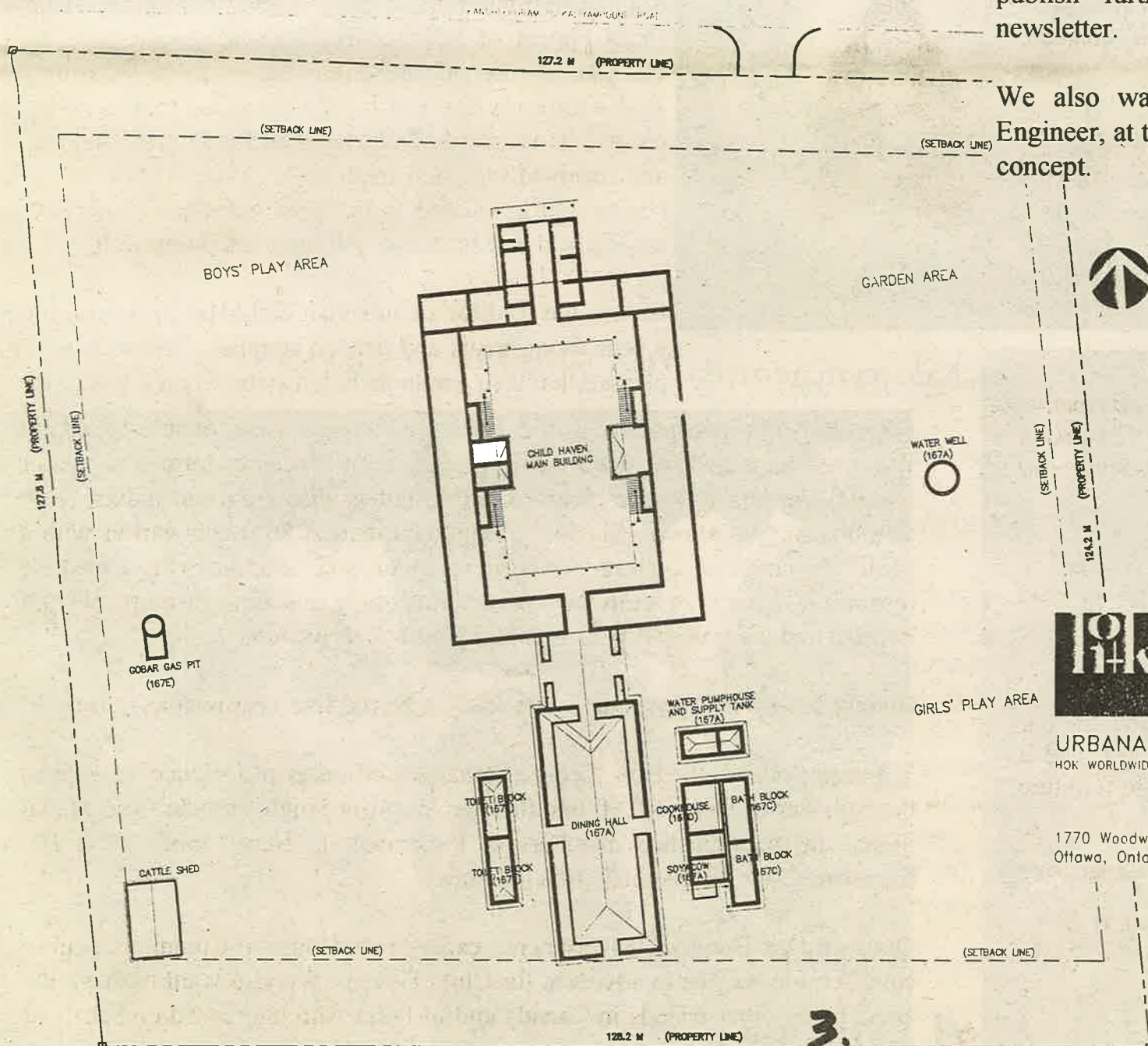


Above, Cathy & Austin Gerein.

We wish to thank J. Denis Seguin and Dexton Bennett of URBANA ARCHITECTS for the preliminary plans they made (without charge) for our new Kaliyampoondi Home. We will publish further refinements in our next newsletter.

We also want to thank S. Ravichandran, Engineer, at the India Site for his work on the concept.

Kaliyampoondi



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