

1. Corporations
(a) Date of incorporation September 22, 1983 (b) Date or dates of all amendments to the articles of incorporation _____
(Date filed with Sec. of State) (Date filed with Sec. of State)

(c) Have there been any amendments to the articles of incorporation filed with the Sec. of State since the last filing for the welfare exemption? NO If the answer is yes, attach copy.
(yes or no)

Non-corporations

(a) Date of organization DNA (b) Date or dates of all amendments to the constitution, trust instrument, or other document evidencing nature of organization _____

(c) Have there been any amendments to the constitution, trust instrument, etc., since the last filing for the welfare exemption? NO If the answer is yes, attach copy.
(yes or no)

Activities

State fully all activities in which the organization is engaged (Include all activities since March 1 of prior year)

Full-time church, ministry work, housing ministry, food & clothing helps, bible studies, etc.

Indebtedness

Has the organization any outstanding bonds, debentures, promissory notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued for its over-all operation? NO If yes, give specific details as to type and terms of such indebtedness and to whom owing.
(yes or no)

Financial statements of the organization

Attach to Section A of this claim a copy of your operating statement (income, expenses) and balance sheet (assets, liabilities) for the immediately preceding calendar or fiscal year.

Is the organization exempt from state franchise or income tax under the provisions of Section 23701d of the Revenue and Taxation Code or exempt from federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954?

YES If the answer is yes, attach a copy of the letters evidencing the exemption to the first claim filed.
(yes or no)

Are any of the properties for which this exemption is sought used for activities that produce income that is "unrelated business taxable income," as defined in Section 512 of the Internal Revenue Code and that is subject to the tax imposed by Section 511 of the Internal Revenue Code? NO
(yes or no)

If the answer is yes, you must attach to Section A of this claim each of the following:

- (1) The organization's information and tax returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service for its immediately preceding fiscal year.
- (2) A statement setting forth the amount of time devoted to the organization's income-producing and its nonincome-producing activities and, where applicable, a description of that portion of the property in which those activities are conducted.
- (3) A statement listing the specific activities which produce the unrelated business taxable income.
- (4) A statement setting forth the amount of income of the organization that is attributable to activities in this state and is exempt from income or franchise taxation and the amount of total income of the organization that is attributable to activities in this state.

Salaries

Is the rate of pay to any individual in excess of \$1,000 weekly or \$52,000 annually? NO
If yes, list each position with its rate of pay in a separate schedule.
(yes or no)

Prior filings

Has the organization filed for the welfare exemption in prior years? YES If yes, state:
(yes or no)

(a) Latest year filed 1990-91 (b) County filed in ORANGE COUNTY

(c) Exact name of organization filed under Set Free Christian Fellowship

*If the owner and operator of this property are not the same, each must execute a separate claim, including a complete Section A and B.

1990 Budget

Total Deposits	\$539,582.03
Total Expenditures	\$520,436.35
Balance	\$ 19,145.68

1990 Breakdown

Missions/Israel	\$142,474.29
Rent	130,607.00
Vehicles/Maint/DMV	74,592.71
T-Shirts/Outreach/Recording	44,811.74
Electric	36,801.04
Maint. Build/Homes	18,610.77
Insurance	14,462.84
Food	13,021.55
So. Cal Gas	9,957.57
School	5,840.34
Ranches	5,370.43
Office supplies/printing	4,131.90
Telephone	2,715.93
Misc Expenditures	14,838.73



SECTION B OF CLAIM FOR WELFARE EXEMPTION

Separate copies of this section must be completed for each property for which exemption is sought.
 Attach to each Section B a copy of your latest operating statement (income, expenses) relating exclusively to this property, if different from organization's. Statement should include sources of income and the nature of expenses

Follow Instructions Carefully

Information for Property No. _____

Name of Organization Self Free Christian Fellowship

Address of this property 507 N Anaheim Blvd, An County ORANGE

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	STATE PRIMARY AND INCIDENTAL USE OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED
1. Land: Legal description or map book, page, and parcel number from most recent tax statement <u>Lot 2, Block A, 2nd & N Tract Annex Book 7, Page 5</u> 1A. Area Acres or square feet _____	1B. Primary Use since March 1 of prior year <u>Housing for abused, former drug addicts & gang members</u> 1C. Incidental Use since March 1 of prior year <u>Rehabilitation</u>
2. Buildings and Improvements Bldg No _____ No. of Floors <u>2</u> No of Rooms <u>11</u> Type of Construction <u>wood</u> or Name <u>house of Timothy</u>	2A. Primary Use since March 1 of prior year <u>Housing for abused, former drug addicts, gang member</u> 2B. Incidental Use since March 1 of prior year <u>Rehabilitation</u>
3. Personal Property Describe <u>household furnishings, carpets, drapes, etc</u>	3A. Primary Use since March 1 of prior year <u>Housing for abused, former drug addicts, gang member</u> 3B. Incidental Use since March 1 of prior year <u>Rehabilitation</u>

4. Owner and operator (Carefully check applicable boxes)
 Claimant is owner and operator owner only operator only and claims exemption on all land buildings and improvements and personal property listed above. List the name of the organization which owns or operates the land, buildings, or personal property other than the claimant: Timothy Broadcasting, Inc
5. Leased or rented (since March 1 of prior year)
- (a) Is any portion of the property indicated in 1, 2, or 3 above rented, leased, or being used or operated part time or full time by some other person or organization? no (yes or no) If yes, describe that portion and its use and attach copy of agreement: list amount received by claimant: _____
- (b) Is any equipment or other property at this location being leased, rented, or consigned from someone else? no (yes or no) If yes, so state and list on the reverse side of this form. Property so listed is not subject to the exemption and will be assessed by the assessor if owned by a taxable entity.
6. Living quarters (since March 1 of prior year)
 Is any portion of this property used for living quarters for any person? yes If so, describe that portion: Entire home is used for those in physical need, abused, rehabilitating
7. Sale of personal property (since March 1 of prior year)
 Is any portion of the property indicated in 1, 2, or 3 above used to operate a store, thrift shop, or other facility making sales to members or to the general public? no (yes or no) If yes, list hours per week the business is operated and describe nature of articles sold _____
8. Expansion
 Do you contemplate any capital investment in the property within the next year? no (yes or no) If yes, explain _____

WELFARE EXEMPTION
Supplemental Affidavit

REHABILITATION - LIVING QUARTERS
(Yearly filing)

(A separate affidavit must be filed for each location)

This affidavit is required under the provisions of Sections 251 and 254.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code for those organizations where the use of the property involves rehabilitation of persons and/or living quarters.

The affidavit must accompany the claim for welfare exemption and be filed with the assessor, in duplicate, by March 15. Failure to complete and file this form is grounds for denial of the exemption.

Phil Aguilar states:
(NAME OF PERSON MAKING AFFIDAVIT)

1. He is Pastor
(TITLE, SUCH AS PRESIDENT, ETC.)

2. of the Soc Free Christian Fellowship
(CORPORATE OR ORGANIZATION NAME)

3. the address of which is 320 N. Anaheim Blvd, An 92805.
(COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS)

4. for the property located at 507 N. Anaheim Blvd, AN CA 92805
(ADDRESS OF PROPERTY)

5. that he makes this affidavit on behalf of said organization in support of a claim for exemption for the 19 91 -
19 92 fiscal year.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all information hereon, including any accompanying statements or documents, is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Phil Aguilar
SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING AFFIDAVIT
DATE 2-17-91

REHABILITATION

- A. On a separate sheet describe your rehabilitation program and activities in detail.
- B. Thrift shop, workshop, manufacturing, or similar activities

Number of hours per week the store or other facility is operated 7 days/wk/24 hrs day

1. Total number of persons employed on the premises on March 1

a. Persons being rehabilitated

(1) Full time none persons

(2) Part time none persons

(3) Length of employment of persons being rehabilitated

(a) Number of persons, less than six months none persons

(b) Number of persons, 6 months-1 year none persons

(c) Number of persons, 1 year-2 years none persons

(d) Number of persons, longer than 2 years none persons
(List by number of years)

> all volunteers

b. Staff and/or others

(1) Full time Volunteers persons

(2) Part time Volunteers persons

2. Total number employed off the premises, but in the operations of the store or other facility as of March 1

a. Persons being rehabilitated

(1) Full time none persons

(2) Part time none persons

(3) Length of employment of persons being rehabilitated none volunteers

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(c) Number of persons, 1 year-2 years _____ persons

(d) Number of persons, longer than 2 years _____ persons
(List by number of years)

b. Staff and/or others

(1) Full time 2 persons

(2) Part time — persons

C. Total number of hours worked during the time period included in the financial statements that accompany the claim.

1. Persons being rehabilitated Total varies from day to day. Staff & persons being rehabilitated receive no compensation for work

a. Number of hours worked 5 hours - per day at facility

b. Number of persons involved APPROX. 5 persons per day

2. Staff and/or others

a. Number of hours worked 5 hours per day

b. Number of persons involved APPROX 1 persons per day

D. Salaries and wages paid during the time period included in the financial statements that accompany the claim

1. Persons being rehabilitated none

a. Salaries and wages \$

b. Number of persons involved persons

2. Staff and/or others none

a. Salaries and wages \$

b. Number of persons involved persons

E. Does a person, management firm, or entity other than the organization filing this claim operate the store or facility?

1. If yes, enter his name and mailing address.

The facility is supervised by members of Set Free Christian Fellowship & by Trinity Broadcasting Network, Inc., as a joint ministry.

2. If yes, enter the amount of salary or fee. (Attach a copy of the contract or other document that indicates the basis for the salary or fee.)

\$ none

F. Is housing for persons being rehabilitated and/or living quarters for staff provided?

yes
YES - NO

If yes, explain the necessity and complete the section titled HOUSING— LIVING QUARTERS.

DESCRIPTION OF
REHABILITATION PROGRAM
AND HOUSE RULES

The individuals who stay at the premises are there primarily because they are homeless. They usually come with a variety of personal and material needs. Their stay is usually short, i.e., two weeks or less, so our rehabilitation is planned accordingly.

To help those who come to us to accept responsibility, we ask that all residents help clean and maintain the facility. They also wash dishes, help in the preparation of meals, iron clothes, etc. In addition, they assist in the ministry of HIS HAND EXTENDED, which provides food and clothing to the poor.

We also provide spiritual counseling and Bible studies.

We encourage those who stay at the facility to reach out to others in need, such as those in jail and sanitariums or through community service. This helps them appreciate their own situation and gives them the confidence and purpose that comes from helping others. Our residents provide help for needy senior citizens with housework and gardening chores. They also do volunteer work picking up trash in local business areas. Everything is done on a free of charge basis.

Our workday begins at 8:00 a.m., when we gather at our church facilities for a time of Bible study and work assignments. The

workday ends at around 3:00 p.m. when residents return home to take care of household chores and make dinner preparations. At 7:00 p.m., we once again return to the church for a time of recreation and Bible study.

We treat those who stay with us as mature adults. We believe that it is important for them to develop healthy self-esteem. However, we also believe that if an individual is with us for a prolonged period of time, and there is no obvious growth or change in that person's life, then we feel that we are no longer being of any help. It is better that they leave the home and their vacancy be filled with someone who is truly wanting and willing to work for a change in their life. Our ministry is geared towards helping the homeless, the drug and alcohol addicted and the abused. Our goal is not to just provide temporary housing for them, but to teach them to overcome their problems so that they will never again find themselves in such desperate situations.

HOUSING - LIVING QUARTERS

This section is to be completed if one or more persons lives on the premises.

- A. Total number of persons who were housed on the premises the last night in February (Include persons who may be temporarily away) 16
- 1. Number of persons being rehabilitated 14
- 2. Number of unoccupied beds available for persons to be rehabilitated 16
- 3. Number of staff members necessary to care for those persons being rehabilitated (Attach a list which describes the job performed and the number of persons involved) 2
- 4. Number of other staff members 2
- 5. Number of other persons who are not directly connected with the rehabilitation program 0
- B. Length of stay of persons being rehabilitated who were housed on the premises the last night in February
 - 1. Number of persons, less than six months 99%
 - 2. Number of persons, 6 months - 1 year 1%
 - 3. Number of persons, 1 year - 2 years none
 - 4. Number of persons, longer than 2 years (List by number of years) none
 - 5. Total, this figure must agree with A1 above _____
- C. Do persons being rehabilitated pay, donate, or perform fund producing work for their room and/or board? no
YES - NO

If yes, indicate which and explain in sufficient detail to determine the monthly fee per person.

- D. Do staff members who care for those being rehabilitated pay, donate, or perform work for their room and/or board (in lieu of, or from their salary)? no
YES - NO

If yes, indicate which and explain in sufficient detail to determine the monthly fee per person.

Staff members residing on the premises do not pay for their own room & board. This is not regarded as compensation, but as a necessity for their volunteer work.

Do other staff members pay, donate, or perform work for their room and/or board (in lieu of, or from their salary)?

See D
YES - NO

If yes, indicate which and explain in sufficient detail to determine the monthly fee per person.

As stated, those who reside at the residence do not do so for compensation, but as a necessary part of their volunteer work

F. Do the other persons included in A5 above, pay, donate, or perform work for their room and/or board?

yes
YES - NO

If yes, indicate which and explain in sufficient detail to determine the monthly fee per person.

No fee or compensation is provided. Various members of the Set Free Christian Fellowship assist from time to time.

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Section A - Question #3

507 N. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805

Housing - Living Quarters

Various members of Set Free Christian Fellowship will from time to time assist in maintaining the premises and in rehabilitation of those who are temporary residents. At least five such individuals help from time to time on a sporadic basis. Two individuals reside at the premises and supervise its operation as volunteers.

The two are:

1. Dave Baichtel. Mr. Baichtel provides overall supervision. He also conducts Bible studies and counsels those staying at the house.
2. Cathy Baichtel. Mrs. Baichtel organizes household duties and operations. She purchases supplies and also provides counsel.

These individuals spend approximately 50 hours a week in actual supervision of the home.

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D O N R O T H
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 ORANGE COUNTY HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
 10 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701-4081
 PHONE (714) 834-3440 FAX: 834-2045

February 5, 1990

Re: Set Free Christian Fellowship
 Texas Ranch

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been acquainted with Pastor Phil Aguilar and Set Free Christian Fellowship since the beginning. After Phil Aguilar graduated from Baptist Bible College he choose to help those in need, with housing, food and clothing. He has received the highest awards the City has to offer for his efforts with the community. He has been nominated and served on boards such as Vision 2000, the Community Services Board and others. He has been nomiated for Sunday Hero's by one of the largest Southern California T.V. networks.

Because of his great work here in Anaheim with both young and old I highly recommend his work as he reaches out to the Texas area, Chicago and other cities.

Sincerely,

Don R. Roth, Chairman
 Board of Supervisors



FRED HUNTER
MAYOR

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Very truly yours,


FRED R. HUNTER
MAYOR, City of Anaheim

FRH:grs



CITY OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Code Enforcement Services

February 16, 1990

To whom it may concern:

Re: Pastor Phil Aguilar and the Set Free Christian Fellowship

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Pastor Phil Aguilar for more years than I can remember.

He and his church members have devoted countless hours assisting disabled and elderly citizens in maintaining their properties. He provides clean wholesome shelter for many of the homeless and persons with drug and alcohol addictions in this community.

In my position as Code Enforcement Manager, I have worked closely with Pastor Aguilar and his staff on a variety of issues. Since he is consistently reliable and conscientious, he is truly a pleasure to work with. He can always be counted on to get the job done.

Additionally, he has provided us with a large number of volunteer workers on numerous occasions for graffiti removal and alley clean-up projects. These projects could not have been successfully completed without his assistance.

Overall, I have found that Pastor Aguilar and the Set Free Christian Fellowship continue to be an asset to the community and I feel that much of the fellowship's success is due to Pastor Aguilar's professional approach. We are fortunate to have this organization in this community.

Please feel free to contact me at (714) 999-5158, if you should require additional information concerning Pastor Aguilar and his church.

Sincerely,

John W. Poole
Code Enforcement Manager

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Wed. Oct. 4 - Thurs. Oct. 5, 1987

'Addiction' to Jesus allows hundreds to be Set Free

structured life helps many live-in members be more productive

Marie Montgomery
Register

The nine black clad, tattooed and bearded men appeared more than a little menacing to the Texas Baptist, who had never met Set Free Christian Church in Ana-

"I've never seen Christians like you before — y'all look like a bunch of bikers," the Baptist told Set Free Pastor Phil Aguilar and eight church members as they were visiting Dallas last week for a mini-conference.

"We shared with him that he was very ignorant and didn't know the word of God. He loves everybody," Aguilar said. His ears rang with whoops and cheers from the members of his 800-member congregation Sunday.

Downtown Anaheim is used to Aguilar's casual breed of born-again Christianity; the church has been on Anaheim Boulevard for eight years.

Set Free members raise an eyebrow to almost everywhere else.

Like the communes of early Christianity, about 200 Set Free members live here in three Anaheim Boulevard houses, two apartments and eight bungalows scattered through the downtown neighborhood. In exchange for room and board, members work for the church by

Wrecking ball chases church

By Marie Montgomery
The Register

ANAHEIM — The hour of reckoning is at hand for Set Free Christian Church.

Downtown redevelopment is threatening the church's growing community at the same time the church wants room to expand.

Set Free houses and feeds 200 of its 800 members downtown in exchange for members' work. About 100 members live in three houses on Anaheim Boulevard that are owned by or leased to the

church.

But it is the church's use of eight city-owned bungalows and two city-owned apartments that is in jeopardy.

The city bought the homes in the early 1980s as part of the Lincoln Avenue widening and downtown redevelopment project, and since 1984 it has allowed Set Free to use the homes in exchange for maintaining them.

Most are south of Cypress Street, north of Lincoln Avenue, east of Anaheim Boulevard and west of the railroad tracks.

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keeping up the homes and the neighborhood and counseling and admitting new church members.

To be a member of Set Free is to eat, breathe and live Jesus.

The calendars on the pantry doors of Set Free homes dictate members' lives from month to month — Bible studies, chores, meals and classes. Monitors check each home every night to make sure all are accounted for.

The church is highly regimented. Members say they need it to be that way.

Aguilar and his family live with his church members in one of the Anaheim Boulevard homes. Aguilar and most of the congregation are former drug abusers or alcoholics. They are prodigal sons and daughters who have turned their lives

around by addicting themselves to Christianity.

"I'm an addictive person — I get into something and I can't get out," said Craig Akiyama, 32, an 18-month member who followed his then-girlfriend, Nancy, now 30 and his wife, to Set Free from Lakewood.

"I gave it all to Christ. I try to serve him with as much zeal and zest as I used to have for drugs."

Since August, Craig and Nancy Akiyama have been overseers for the House of Nazareth on Bush Street, which is actually a two-bedroom apartment.

Some of the donated furnishings are shabby, but the Akiyamas' apartment, as well as the other Set Free homes, is kept as clean inside as can be expected, consider-



Phil Aguilar, pastor of Set Free Christian Church in Anaheim, speaks to his congregation at a Sunday service behind an Anaheim Boulevard warehouse.

ing the crowded conditions. From the outside, the homes look cozy and well-kept, too.

Eight people live in the Akiyamas' apartment, although there can be as many as 16 as church membership fluctuates, they said. The couple sleeps in one bed-

room with their three girls: Denise, 11, Nancy, 6; and Lani, 4. Three men sleep in the other bedroom.

The Akiyamas, along with the 12 other overseer families, are in charge of monitoring the comings and goings of those in

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their home and enforcing house rules.

They have been married almost a year, but have been together on and off for more than seven years.

Both were drug users. Among the drugs of choice were PCP, marijuana, speed, heroin and alcohol. Nancy Akiyama's was the greater habit.

"When Denise was a baby, I used to hold her in one arm and I'd be shooting up in the other," she recalled.

Craig Akiyama forced her into a few detox programs in Long Beach.

"But they were so close to home, she'd end up coming home and getting high," he said.

Finally, one of her baby-sitters turned in Nancy Akiyama for negligent parenting

because she was dealing drugs. Craig Akiyama was not living with her at the time, so social-service authorities took away the children.

This jolted her into wanting to kick her habit permanently. Hearing that the Set Free program was free, and knowing that it would keep her from her old neighborhood, she joined two years ago and got her children back a few months later.

Craig Akiyama followed them after a five-week stint in Set Free's detox ranch in Perms, near Riverside. They were married at Set Free in July 1988.

A typical week for the Akiyamas starts each Sunday with church services at 10 a.m. The church has outgrown its auditorium in the converted Anaheim Boulevard warehouse it occupies, so services are in the large yard behind the church building.

Music, laughter and clapping resound through the surrounding area during the two hours of the service. Hands raised and arms swaying, congregation members often make the service look like a festival concert. It's always standing-room only.

No three-piece suits or lace dresses for this church, and those who wear ties are jokingly ridiculed by Aguilar — "Don't stare at them — they're OK."

Although many members dress up for Sunday service, it's common to see a leather motorcycle vest or two, some plaid Pendleton shirts, shorts, jeans and lots and lots of tattoos, both pre- and post-Christian versions.

Church members love to twist the lyrics of classic rock 'n' roll songs to reflect a Christian message. The congregation sings "Praise Jesus" to the tune of "Hand Jive":

"There's a story way back in history/ about a man who came to die for you and me/ he gave his life and hung on a cross/ so that none of our souls would ever be lost."

During his sermons, Aguilar often explains the philosophy behind the rules of Set Free. One rule is that church members can't hold jobs or collect welfare when they first join.

"There's something about money — it doesn't take a lot of it to stumble a Christian," Aguilar said. "Learning how to deal

with money is hard for addicts."

Craig Akiyama has worked in the maintenance department at the Anaheim YMCA for almost six months. Many Set Free members also are Anaheim YMCA employees, and the pastor's brother Mel is the Y's director of community services.

Craig Akiyama got the job shortly after he got married because "Pastor Phil has a policy that married men should work to feed their kids," he said.

Akiyama also works 10 hours a week orienting new church members. Nancy Akiyama three weeks ago got a job helping direct the Set Free preschool — her first job in the ministry.

Male and female roles are divided sharply along traditional lines in the

church, particularly where jobs are concerned. The women cook, clean and take care of the children while the men do the yard work, fix cars and motorcycles and help clean up the neighborhood.

After Sunday services, the Akiyama family sometimes heads to McDonald's for lunch. Over cheeseburgers, Chicken McNuggets and fries,



they bend their heads and shut their eyes as Craig Akiyama thanks God for the food and the day.

Craig Akiyama spends almost all the money he makes on necessities for his family and on food for them and the others who live in their house.

"I try to buy better food than some of the food the church has to give us so we can have porterhouse steaks once in a while," he said.

Aside from the contributions of the over-seers, the church spends about \$2,000 a week on food staples and prepares 60 meals daily, Aguilar said.

Food means a lot at Set Free. Since no smoking, drinking or drugs are allowed "people have to have something, so they usually end up gaining weight here," Aguilar said.

To counteract, Set Free offers exercise classes and has a weight room made from a converted old shed behind one of the houses.

It might be rare even for a normal nuclear family to sit together to eat these days, but the Set Free residents at each home eat together nearly all the time.

There always are Bibles on the table. Those who live with the Akiyamas take turns reading lines from the book of Proverbs, or Akiyama will select and read passage he thinks will be appropriate for the day.

"We had a guy living with us who went visit his folks up in Pasadena, and when he came back he was hiding his face from because he was loaded," Akiyama said.

"The next day, I read a passage about how when you have a burden on you, really shows. He came to us and told about it, and he's OK now."

Sunday afternoons and evenings are ten filled with physical activities such as softball or volleyball games. Participa-



Nancy Akiyama gets an early start on the day's wash as her daughter, Lanl, 4, tiptoes around the walkway.



Craig and Nancy Akiyama enjoy one of the frequent Sunday volleyball games.



Nancy Akiyama, right, tries to console church resident Carmen Jones, who has returned from visiting her 2-year-old daughter and the daughter's father.

in these, as with all activities, is strongly encouraged. Idle time is strongly discouraged.

Giving church members continuous activity to enhance their faith is one key to helping them overcome their addictions, Aguilar said. That way, church members avoid temptations.

"Nobody can really get high here and be able to look other people in the eye," Craig Akiyama said.

But sometimes temptation can't be avoided, even in Set Free's controlled setting. Shortly after getting married and the night before being asked to become a house overseer, Craig Akiyama was in a downtown laundromat and a man gave him a syringe and needle. He could have

filled it with heroin less than a block away.

"I really wanted it, and I could have done it right there," he said. Instead, Craig Akiyama went to his house's overseer, talked it over — and threw away the syringe.

Those who slip back into a drug binge while at the church, or who rebel against their overseers, are given a choice: Go for another stint at the Perris detox ranch or leave. Aguilar will almost always give people second, third or even 10th chances.

"It says in the Bible you should forgive your brother not seven times, but 70 times seven."

Most church members don't expect to live at Set Free forever.

The Akiyamas aren't sure what life outside holds for them, beyond their certain that if they leave their Set Free home get their own place, it will be in Anaheim, so they can still be close to the church.

Being "out in the world," as church members call it, presents a whole new set of problems and temptations, and the family wants to be sure they're ready before they take that step.

It might be a matter of months; it might be a couple of years. But they're not in a hurry.

"I like where I am right now," Craig Akiyama said. "I enjoy being around people with the same problems I have. We'll always be involved with Set Free."

NEWS

HOMES: Anaheim development plans imposing on Set Free

FROM 1

The city is ready to allow development of new single-family homes where the Set Free homes stand. Last month, the City Council approved an agreement with the Lincoln Property Co. of Huntington Beach that will allow Lincoln to acquire the property and begin construction in six to eight months.

Scott Davis, Lincoln's director of development, said the agreement calls for the city to move or demolish the existing houses before Lincoln takes ownership of the land.

City officials said they plan to move at least two of the homes to lots on Cypress and Philadelphia streets. However, they might allow a developer to move, rehabilitate and sell the homes.

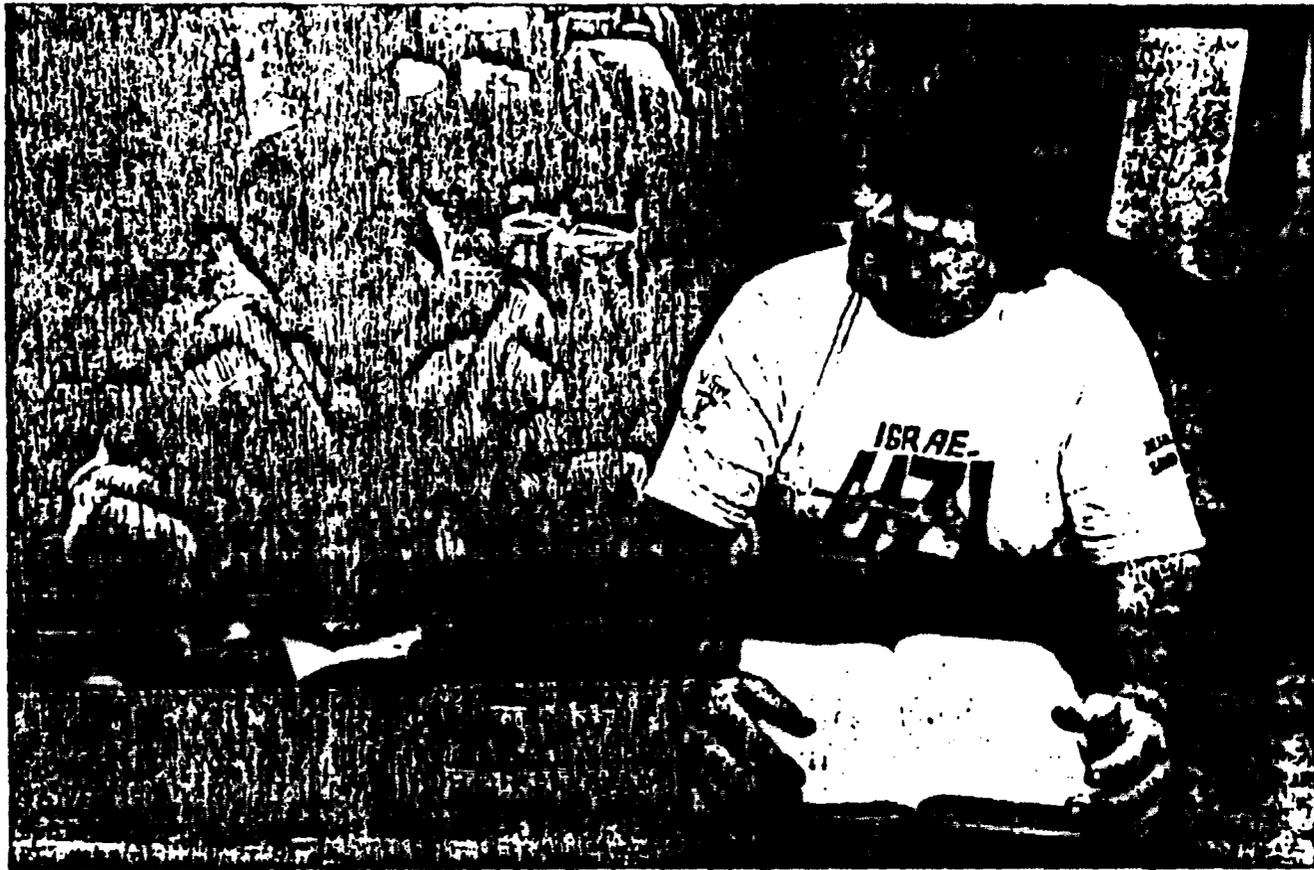
Set Free members said they doubt they could afford to buy the homes from a developer, although they said they would be willing to renovate the homes.

As for the remaining homes used by Set Free, city officials said they have no land to move them to, but they would be willing to sell them to other landowners.

Most of the homes were originally two- and three-bedroom bungalows, but Set Free members have converted other rooms into extra bedrooms so each house can accommodate 15 people.

Set Free Pastor Phil Aguilar estimated the church has used 20 city-owned houses, moving out people just before scheduled demolition. The city gives the church seven days' notice to move residents before demolition.

The church's Anaheim Boulevard headquarters also was in danger, but building owner Bill Taor-



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Chedor Hallman, left, and 'Miracle' Mike Lehman have an impromptu Bible-study session behind their homes.

mina last week completed negotiations with the city to allow the church a two-year reprieve.

The headquarters is an 8,000-square-foot former warehouse that adjoins a 7,000-square-foot furniture warehouse, also owned by Taormina. For two years, the building has been too small to hold services for the church's burgeoning congregation, so services are

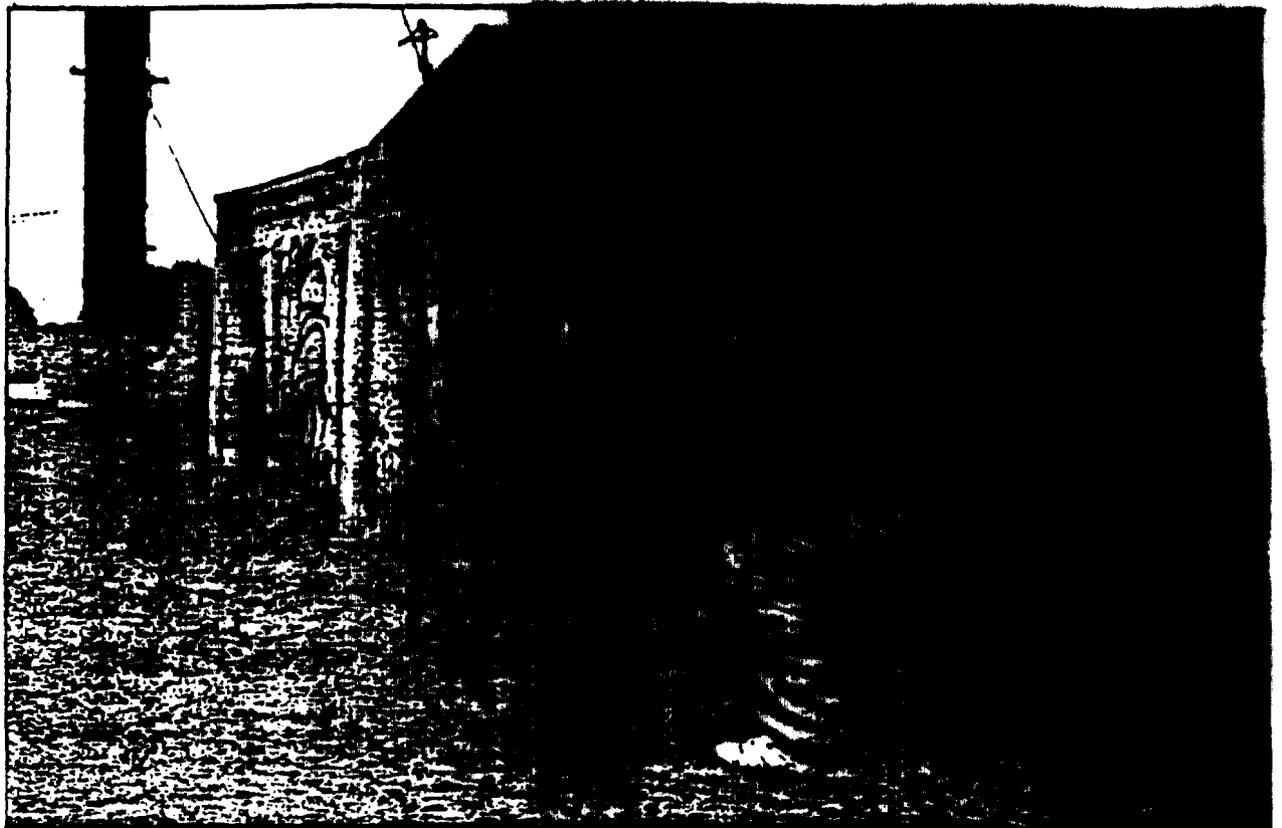
held in the yard behind the church building.

The city has given Taormina two years to make the building earthquake-proof, which would cost more than \$500,000, which is close to the value of the building.

Taormina said he wants to eventually tear down the warehouse, acquire the old Elks Lodge across

the street and allow the church to renovate it and make it the new headquarters.

He is suing the lodge's owner, Marin Financial Corp., to acquire the building in a procedure similar to repossession, because the building has numerous liens against it. That lawsuit could take another year to resolve, Taormina said.



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Set Free member Jose Rodriguez paints a trash can in an Anaheim alley as part of the community cleanup.

Cleaning downtown alleys for God

*Set Free volunteers
part of pilot program*

Kim Irwin
Anahem Bulletin

ANAHEIM — It's 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

Few people are stirring at this hour. But outside the George Washington Community Center downtown, about 150 men of all ages quietly mingle, wearing white baseball caps emblazoned with blue "Take Pride in Anaheim" slogans.

It's a motley group — young, fresh-faced boys, tough-looking youths and long-haired biker-types with armfuls of tattoos. But they're men on a mission — to cleanup

downtown Anaheim.

And they're doing it for God.

They are from Set Free Christian Fellowship, a Christian organization that has former drug dealers and abusers and ex-convicts among its members.

They volunteered their services for an alley cleanup program sponsored by the Central City Neighborhood Council.

The pilot program was paid for with about \$30,000 federal Community Block Grant Development Funds, council chairman Keith Olesen said.

Set Free is run by Pastor Phil Aguilar, a flamboyant leader who tends his unlikely flock with a gentle but iron fist.

On Saturday, Aguilar wandered among the volunteers, breaking them up into teams and forming lines.

Nearby, Olesen and Richard La Ro-

chelle, a senior code enforcement officer, were looking at a map of the cleanup target area, planning strategy.

Before sending them out to work, La Rocelle took pictures of each volunteer team, encouraging them to smile.

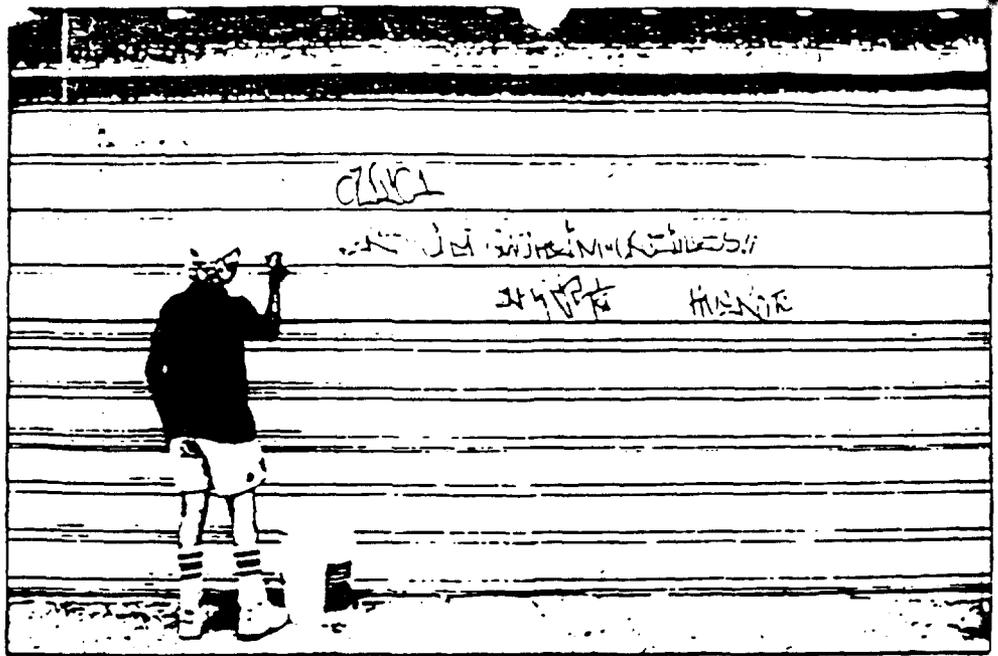
"Yeah, homies, smile. You look dead," one volunteer said, prompting smiles all around.

"Praise the Lord," the young man said, holding up his index finger in a "No. 1" sign.

"Praise the Lord," the volunteers answered, returning the sign.

The teams were assigned to locations in the target area — generally bounded by La Palma Avenue, East Cypress Street and the alley behind Lemon Street, Olesen said.

Please see ALLEY/A11



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Josh Trueblood of Anaheim paints a garage door covered with graffiti.

ALLEY: Volunteers help in cleanup

From A1

Anaheim Disposal Inc. provided 49 large dumpsters at discount rates and donated an additional 10 dumpsters that were placed between Lemon Street, Harbor Boulevard, La Palma Avenue and Cypress Street, said Vince Taormina, co-owner of the company.

Of the 49 dumpsters in the target area, 22 were placed in front of residences, 27 at the ends of eight miles of alleys earmarked for revitalization.

As of Monday morning, 30 of the dumpsters had been replaced at least once.

Anaheim Disposal Inc. officials said about 100 tons of garbage had been hauled away so far.

"That a lot of garbage," La Rochelle said.

The clean-up program runs through Friday.

By 8:30 a.m. Saturday, one of two designated "paint teams" were repairing a fence at 720 N. Zeyn St.

Rosa Togel, the elderly woman who lives in the 1930s style white house, had the wood and nails ready. The repair work was done in 10 minutes.

"Thank you very much," Togel said, waving good-bye to the eight-man crew.

The volunteers piled into the back of Lora DeMaria's red mini pickup truck, ready for more work.

DeMaria lives near the George Washington center in a 100-year-

old house she and her husband are restoring.

She moved to Anaheim three years ago and is involved both the neighborhood council and the Anaheim Neighborhood Association.

"I have a real vengeance for graffiti," she said. "I come from an area in the East, where you don't destroy other people's property."

"When I volunteered to do this, I said I would as long as I could help get rid of graffiti," she said.

DeMaria drove her truck to the alley behind Pauline Street, near the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway tracks. The neighborhood is known as a haven for abandoned cars and is a stomping grounds for local street gangs, an area where graffiti-covered walls are the norm.

The truck stopped near a beige block wall, marked with black writings.

The crew jumped from the truck, paint pans and rollers in hand. In less than 20 minutes, the wall had a fresh coat of gray paint.

"Folsom (Prison) gray," a volunteer joked, pointing out an elaborate tattoo of a thorn-crowned Jesus Christ on his upper left arm. "I got this done in the pen (penitentiary)."

As of Monday afternoon, no new graffiti had been drawn on the alley wall or any of the others nearby.

Across the railroad tracks, the paint crew tackled another wall blasted with gang graffiti. Soon

that wall also was graffiti free.

Meanwhile, other cleanup crews scattered throughout the area, sweeping through alleys with trash bags and lugging couches and burned-out car frames to the big blue dumpsters.

Some crews helped residents clean out garbage-packed backyards, hauling out broken washing machines and rotting lumber.

"It really went well," John Poole, city code enforcement manager, said of the cleanup. "There are a lot of people involved."

On Monday, abandoned and illegally parked cars were ticketed and towed, in some cases, to clear a path for street sweepers and pot-hole repair crews. A flail mower buzzed through alleys, cutting away the overgrown vegetation.

Near the alley behind Pauline Street, a rust-color Chevrolet Impala, an avocado green Chevrolet Vega GT and a Nomad trailer were towed.

Still others would be towed today.

Neighborhood council and city officials hope the program is expanded to other areas of the city, using either community block grant or other funds.

The cleanup program is a partnership effort between the neighborhood council, the police department and code enforcement, a division of the city planning department.



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An old chair is taken out to
the dumpster by a member
of the Set Free Christian
Fellowship church.



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Members of the Set Free church walk down an alley armed with paint and brushes.

A. Traphard Tempelton
(Auntie Helen)
More than 50 dumpsters
were filled with trash col-
lected from the neigh-
borhood by church members.



Cleanup crews show best of volunteerism

There are few things that capture the spirit of this country more than those who volunteer their time and effort for a worthy cause.

With greed, corruption and materialism running rampant through our society, it's refreshing to know there are citizens who still offer their services for the common good of others.

That is why we salute the Set Free Christian Fellowship, whose members volunteered this past week to help clean up downtown Anaheim.

With former drug dealers, abusers and ex-convicts making up the majority of the group, the Christian organization moved in on downtown's dirtiest streets and alleys, painting walls, repairing fences and disposing of garbage — about 100 tons of it.

The cleanup crews canvassed the area, sweeping through alleys with trash bags, dumping couches, chairs and burned-out car frames into dumpsters and helping resi-

dents clean out their garbage-filled backyards. While the cleanup crews completed their assigned tasks, the paint teams gave graffiti-covered walls, fences and trash cans a fresh look.

The effort put forward by the Set Free volunteers and all volunteers is the kind of work that often goes unnoticed, yet is vital to our city.

We would all benefit from a stronger commitment by everyone toward volunteerism. Unfortunately, the "what can you do for me" attitude usually overwhelms our society.

It's true that the spare time needed to perform volunteer work has almost become extinct for a lot of people. Sometimes there doesn't seem like there are enough hours in the day to make a living, let alone to find time to offer your time for free.

However, it's important to remember that the personal gratification gained from volunteer work is as valuable a paycheck.

From B1

more than 13 million hours of community service last year said Ed Arnold, emcee for the annual awards luncheon.

Representatives from the groups were uniformly pleased when their organization won the honors.

"It's wonderful," said Joan DeGennaro, director of the Hotline Help Center, an Anaheim crisis intervention services that received a \$2,500 award. "I'm just going to hand it to our book-keeper and say 'Here you go.'

"All of our funding is by private donation," DeGennaro added. "Something like this is a real cause for celebration. I'm bouncing like Tigger, myself."

Brett O'Brien, a counselor and manager for Hope House said he was ecstatic when the residential treatment center for substance abusers won a \$5,000 award.

"I was so nervous I couldn't even smile for the camera," O'Brien said. "There are so many people you don't expect to be one of the ones chosen. This will really help a lot."

Dolores Barrett, who directs the Halcyon shelter for the homeless, was equally excited that the Anaheim Interfaith Shelter, which opened last summer, won a \$5,000 honor.

"I think it means a lot in this community," she said. "I think it's significant that in about nine months since getting the building we had such a substantial volunteer contribution. It's a great day."

Peg Hall, community relations director for the Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled, said the \$2,500 award will provide additional money for training programs for the handicapped.

"It helps us greatly to be able to receive non-restrictive funding where it can do the most good," Hall said.

Richard Martinez, an Anaheim police investigator and Explorer Post 174 adviser, said the \$5,000 donation will probably be used to repair a trailer the group uses when they assist police and

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— Joan DeGennaro

firefighters in searching for lost children and directing traffic.

"There's so many needs I think we're just going to have to take a deep breath and see what needs to be done," he said. "There are so many organizations that put in for this thing, I'm so happy the kids were recognized."

Cathy Glasgow, director of the Oak Canyon Nature Center in Anaheim Hills, said the \$2,500 the city parks department-operated wildlife habitat received will be used to develop more exhibits for children visiting the center.

"The \$2,500 will go a long ways," she said. "I'm proud and honored. It's so nice to be honored among all the other organizations doing the same work." Three other Anaheim groups received \$5,000 awards, including The High Hopes Identity Discovery Foundation of Hope Univer-

sity-UNICO National College, for work with students suffering mental retardation and physical handicaps; the Eli Home, a temporary home where parents who were abused as children can learn parenting skills to break the chain of child abuse; and Set Free Christian Fellowship, which feeds and shelters the homeless, counsels people with family and drug problems and provides support for the elderly.

Among the 10 Anaheim groups receiving \$2,500 honors were:

■ The Anaheim Foundation for Culture and the Arts, which provides people from diverse backgrounds exposure to the arts;

■ Canyon Acres Residential Center, which provides support and counseling for abused children;

■ Edison Elementary School Student Council, which helped the needy and kept their neighborhood clean and graffiti-free;

■ Anaheim Community Foundation, which has taken responsibility for the developmentally disabled and spearheaded an emergency assistance fund for the homeless;

■ Assistance League of Anaheim, which provides services for area poor, homeless and abused and underprivileged children;

■ League of Women Voters, Central Orange County area, which sponsors voter registration drives, educational programs and informational publications designed to keep people aware and informed; and

■ Arts and Crafts Club of Anaheim Mobile Estates, a group of retired women that raises funds during an annual bazaar of handmade items and supports several charitable organizations.



SECTION B OF CLAIM FOR WELFARE EXEMPTION

Separate copies of this section must be completed for each property for which exemption is sought.
 Attach to each Section B a copy of your latest operating statement (income, expenses) relating exclusively to this property, if different from organization's. Statement should include sources of income and the nature of expenses

Follow Instructions Carefully

Information for Property No. _____

Name of Organization Set Free Christian Fellowship
 Address of this property 511 N. Anaheim Blvd, ANAHEIM County ORANGE

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION				STATE PRIMARY AND INCIDENTAL USE OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED	
1. <u>Land</u> : Legal description or map book, page, and parcel number from most recent tax statement <u>Lot 3, in block A, tract 2eyn Annex</u> 1A. <u>Area</u> : Acres or square feet <u>Book 7, page 5</u>				1B. <u>Primary Use</u> since March 1 of prior year: <u>Housing for Abused, former drug addicts, gang members</u> 1C. <u>Incidental Use</u> since March 1 of prior year <u>rehabilitation</u>	
2. <u>Buildings and Improvements</u> Bldg No. or Name: <u>House of Paul</u> No of Floors: <u>2</u> No of Rooms: <u>9</u> Type of Construction: <u>wood</u>				2A. <u>Primary Use</u> since March 1 of prior year: <u>Housing for Abused, former drug addicts, gang members</u> 2B. <u>Incidental Use</u> since March 1 of prior year <u>rehabilitation</u>	
3. <u>Personal Property</u> Describe: <u>Furniture, Carpets, drapes, etc.</u>				3A. <u>Primary Use</u> since March 1 of prior year: <u>Housing for abused, former drug addicts, gang members</u> 3B. <u>Incidental Use</u> since March 1 of prior year <u>rehabilitation</u>	

4. Owner and operator (Carefully check applicable boxes)
 Claimant is: owner and operator owner only operator only and claims exemption on all land buildings and improvements and personal property listed above. List the name of the organization which owns or operates the land, buildings, or personal property other than the claimant: Trinity Broadcasting Network, Inc
5. Leased or rented (since March 1 of prior year)
- (a) Is any portion of the property indicated in 1, 2, or 3 above rented, leased, or being used or operated part time or full time by some other person or organization? no (yes or no) If yes, describe that portion and its use and attach copy of agreement; list amount received by claimant: _____
- (b) Is any equipment or other property at this location being leased, rented, or consigned from someone else? no (yes or no) If yes, so state and list on the reverse side of this form. Property so listed is not subject to the exemption and will be assessed by the assessor if owned by a taxable entity.
6. Living quarters (since March 1 of prior year)
 Is any portion of this property used for living quarters for any person? yes If so, describe that portion: Entire home is used for those in physical need, abused, rehabilitational
7. Sale of personal property (since March 1 of prior year)
 Is any portion of the property indicated in 1, 2, or 3 above used to operate a store, thrift shop, or other facility making sales to members or to the general public? NO (yes or no) If yes, list hours per week the business is operated and describe nature of articles sold: _____
8. Expansion
 Do you contemplate any capital investment in the property within the next year? NO (yes or no) If yes, explain: _____