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KIWANIS CLUB OF CHEHALIS

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.O. Box 338      Chehalis, WA 98532      Thursday Noon      Roy's Western Buffet      Division 40 - P.N.W.D      Chartered March 23, 1922

March 8, 1990

George Wieman, Governor  
Pacific Northwest District  
Beaverton, Oregon

Dear Sir,

The Kiwanis Club of Chehalis and other Kiwanis Clubs in this area have for many years been involved in supporting the Kiwanis Youth Vocational Home for boys that is located in Centralia. This home has the admirable purpose of housing and educating teenagers who have had problems at home or with the law. There are approximately 60 to 70 teenagers living in the home and it is believed to be the largest of its kind in the state of Washington. While our club is proud of what has been accomplished we have become increasingly concerned in recent years over the management of the home. Enough information has come to our attention that the Chehalis Club has now voted to withdraw support for the home and it's director, Chuck McCarthy. Our board has voted to request that our club's name be deleted from the articles of incorporation and it is our strong suggestion to other clubs in the area and to District that they consider doing the same. The reasons are complex and cannot be easily summarized in a letter but involve allegations of misuse of funds and fraud, among other things. Various approaches have been made to obtain the information necessary to confirm or disprove the allegations but Chuck McCarthy, in particular, has been uncooperative in supplying the requested information. Therefore, we feel we have no alternative but to withdraw our support. We realize that we undoubtedly have raised a lot of questions and members of our club who have been involved in this decision will be more than willing to discuss the matter with you at some length if you wish. It would be suggested that you call either John McKerricher at (206) 748-6641 (work) or (206) 748-9748 (home) or Terry Holmes at (206) 748-8857 (work) or (206) 748-0672 (home).

Sincerely,

*Don Conway*  
Don Conway, President  
Kiwanis Club of Chehalis

*PS. We were just informed  
that the Tumwater club  
has officially dropped their  
support also*

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