**Women on Relief Would Like a Raise**

By NANCY BURDEN

**Our meetings are open. A hat on the table means that coffee is served.**

A number of people are present. "We work here, because we can," one of the members comments. "Do you want to hear about the work we do?" she asks. "It's been challenging, but we've learned a lot."

** фигурка: Рисунок, показывающий женские фигуры в одежде, сидящие за столом.**

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**OFFICERS**  

Mrs. Hazel Leslie (left), chairwoman, and Mrs. Myrtle McCollough, executive director of the Greater Philadelphia Welfare Rights Organization. The organization is working to improve the lives of welfare recipients and their families. They are fighting for better benefits and improved services.

*Staff photo by Jim Moore*

**Field meetings are held twice a month.**

**The meetings focus on issues such as education, job training, and health care.**

**The financial crisis that the organization faces is a major concern.**

**"We need more funding to support our programs," Mrs. Leslie says. "We are working with local government and private donors to secure a stable funding source."**

**The organization also provides services to individuals on welfare.**

**"We help them with everything from job search to legal aid," says Mrs. McCollough. "Our goal is to empower our clients to take control of their lives."**

**The organization has been active in advocating for policy changes.**

**"We have been successful in getting policy changes that improve the lives of welfare recipients," says Mrs. Leslie. "We have worked with legislators to introduce bills that address the needs of our clients."**

**The organization is also involved in community outreach.**

**"We reach out to communities to educate them about the issues facing welfare recipients," says Mrs. McCollough. "We host workshops and seminars to raise awareness."**

**The organization faces challenges in reaching all communities.**

**"We struggle to reach every community, especially those with limited resources," says Mrs. Leslie. "We are working to expand our reach."**

**The organization is committed to fighting for the rights of all welfare recipients.**

**"We will continue to work for change," says Mrs. McCollough. "Every day, we make a difference in the lives of our clients."**
George. The appeal was for a clothing allowance of $75 for school children whose families are on relief. Dr. George made no promises but held out hope for a small gift.

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