

Over the past 20 years, *Access to Energy* has developed a very widespread and influential readership including many scientists and engineers as well as people from less technical disciplines. *Access to Energy* has now become far too valuable a voice to discontinue.

Tragically, Dr. Beckmann died of cancer on August 3, 1993. Several months before he died, he asked me to take over publication of *Access to Energy* when he was no longer able to continue. I began writing and publishing the newsletter with the September 1993 issue.

Access to Energy still contains the kind of political satire that Petr Beckmann originated for it. Its primary purpose is also unchanged. It provides simplified, technically correct, and professionally referenced explanations of various aspects of science and engineering that affect our lives. Special emphasis is given to subjects about which the media, government, or other groups such as pseudoenvironmentalists are making incorrect statements to the public.

Access to Energy cannot, by law, be a part of a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible foundation such as the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine. We can use its modest profits to fund work at the Institute by direct contribution, but the income and expenses of *Access to Energy* must be entirely separate. Dr. Beckmann mentioned *Fighting Chance* favorably several times in his newsletter, so some of our readers and supporters learned about *Fighting Chance* and the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine in this way.

Enclosed is a copy of the November issue of *Access to Energy*. This issue contains an article about carbon dioxide and global plant and animal growth that is of special interest with regard to the carbon dioxide project.

Publication of the *Fighting Chance* newsletter is not monthly like *Access to Energy*, because the Fighting Chance project lacks the resources for a monthly publication. We have chosen to use donations primarily for productive work and to report occasionally on our activities. Alternatively, if we published *Fighting Chance* monthly, we would have much less time and resources available for productive work.

OREGON INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

When Laurelee and I brought our family to Oregon in 1981, we planned to start a small, independent research institute where we could continue our investigations in medicine and basic science in a rural location ideal for the children. We built a large metal building, incorporated the Institute as a non-profit foundation, and began work on some simple experiments on nutrition and cancer.

With the help of our coworkers in other institutions and volunteers here, we did some worthwhile work. We also initiated the Fighting Chance civil defense project and carried out other activities. We did not, however, see our Institute grow into a larger effort.

Now, as the children themselves become old enough to participate, several things have occurred which are expanding the prospects and effectiveness of our 12 year project.