Final Results In AASI Drive Announced

Final results of the Acanian Ambulance Service's 1982-83 Campaign were released today. A lengthy delay in tabulating the results was caused by an unprecedented surge in enrollment on the final day, and by a heavy volume of last-minute mail registrations.

The official count showed 117,104 families of individuals an increase of more than 600 over last year. Acanian Secretary-Treasurer Richard Zuschlag said that the figure falls short of the company's projections. "However," he said, "with the strong support we received in the 11 Acanian Parishes, which we consider our home base, and in light of today's adverse economic conditions, we consider the campaign a success." Zuschlag said economic conditions probably contributed to the overwhelming last-minute enrollment.

"People seemed to be holding onto their money as long as they could. Thousands sent in one last check on the final day. We knew enrollment was being广播ed from public officials, emergency leaders, emergency agencies, the media and the medical community," Zuschlag said. "We believe public support will increase substantially as people become more familiar with our operation.

In enrollments were recorded in several areas, with the Uptown Hospital District and Opelousas leading. Parish by parish, increases were seen in Pointe Coupee, Assumption, Iberville, St. Martin and St. Landry. In Central LaFourche Parish, membership totals 3,258. With this increase over the 3,200 memberships expected to be received there, the cost to St. Anne's Hospital, which underwrites the program, will be reduced by approximately $3,200.

"We had hoped for an enrollment of 3,900," Zuschlag said, "so the cost to the hospital could be reduced even further. However, service there is assured, and prospects for continuation in future years are good." Lafayette Parish showed a slight decrease, but company officials attribute that to the fact that residents of the Breaux-Grand Cohere area, who formerly entered Lafayette, are now enrolling in St. Landry Parish. "Overall," Zuschlag said, "it was a good campaign, but a very difficult one. Many people just because they believe high-quality emergency medical service is essential in determining whether they use it or not.

Program for high school graduates. This will provide a complete curriculum for those in the Medical/General program who are also trained in medicals, and also to those in the Medical field who are preparing for the Medical field. This commendable community spirit is shown in the number of people who have paid it a success. We are extremely pleased with our service and the response we have received.

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