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Mr. Hegeman, and all of you who have done so much to make the new Warm Springs a splendid fact:

It is with a deep sense of responsibility and of gratitude that the Trustees of the Foundation accept and dedicate today these two new Units which you have made possible. These buildings represent more than bricks and mortar. Into their construction has gone the human qualities of sympathy and understanding of thousands of people -- our own neighbors of the State of Georgia and many others in every part of the nation who have understood the vision.

To these buildings will come, we hope for many generations, people - especially children -- who will be greatly helped along the road of life.

Warm Springs is doing much for them today but even in the future Warm Springs can never hope to give help here to more than a small fraction of those who

need help. Ours, therefore, must ever be the greater aim -
to maintain here the example of the right way of giving
help so that throughout our land other groups and other
buildings may carry the torch to the handicapped and
crippled wherever they may be.

You, the builders, have our grateful thanks,
for you have built on solid foundations for all the years
to come.

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF
BUILDERS' HALL AND KRESS HALL,
WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION, WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA
November 29, 1934, 2 o'clock, P.M.

(The new units of the Foundation were presented to The President, acting on behalf of Warm Springs Foundation, by Mr. John C. Heggeman, who made a short presentation speech.)

Mr. Heggeman, and all of you who have done so much to make the new Warm Springs a splendid fact:

As I came down here, Keith Morgan said that we had only overlooked one thing that should have been a part of this ceremony. He said that we ought to have laid a wreath on the spot where the old Inn used to stand. Those of us who have memories of the old Inn and of the old Georgia Warm Springs, we can still cherish those old memories and still be devoutly thankful that the old Inn is gone.

It is with a deep sense of responsibility and of gratitude that the Trustees of the Foundation accept and dedicate today these two new Units which you have made possible. These buildings represent more than bricks

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

This is a transcript made by the White House stenographer from his shorthand notes taken at the time the speech was made. Underlining indicates words extemporaneously added to the previously prepared reading copy text. Words in parentheses are words that were omitted when the speech was delivered, though they appear in the previously prepared reading copy text.

(The new name of the foundation was presented to the President, acting on behalf of the New Georgia Foundation, by Mr. John G. Hargrave, who made a short presentation speech.)

Mr. Hargrave, and all of you who have done so much to make the new New Georgia a splendid fact: As I came down here, Keith Morgan said that he had only overlooked one thing that should have been a part of this ceremony. He said that we ought to have laid a wreath on the spot where the old inn used to stand. Those of us who have memories of the old inn and of the old Georgia Warm Springs, we can still share in those old memories and still be fervently thankful that the old inn is gone. It is with a deep sense of responsibility and of gratitude that the Trustees of the Foundation accept and dedicate today these two new units which you have made possible. These buildings represent more than brick

and mortar. Into their construction has gone the human quality of sympathy and understanding of thousands of people -- our own neighbors of the State of Georgia and many others in every part of the nation who have understood the vision.

To these buildings will come, we hope for many generations, people -- especially children -- who will be greatly helped along the road of life.

Warm Springs is doing much for them today but even in the future Warm Springs can never hope to give help at this place to more than a small fraction of those who need help. Ours, therefore, must be ever the greater aim -- to maintain here the example of the right way of giving help so that throughout our land other groups and other buildings may carry the torch to the handicapped and crippled wherever they may be.

You, Mr. Heggeman and all of you whose names appear on this scroll, have our grateful thanks for you have built on solid foundations for all the years to come. This scroll will be placed within Builders' Hall in a suitable frame and I think that this golden key should also be placed in a little glass box so that everybody

will know that these buildings are open to everybody.