

Synanon Will Open East Coast Quarters To Assist Addicts

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WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 8—Sponsors of Synanon, a philanthropic foundation for the rehabilitation of narcotics addicts, will open an East Coast headquarters here Saturday to speed the development of a big new metropolitan area treatment center.

The headquarters will be at 310 Mamaroneck Avenue and will be operated by volunteers. It will coordinate meetings and fund-raising activities and provide printed and oral information to persons actively interested in curbing addiction.

Dr. Burton Giges, director of the Westchester Community Mental Health Services, said that a big treatment center in the area was needed and that the treatments provided by Synanon were valid. He said the program at Daytop Village, the philanthropic treatment center on Staten Island, is patterned after the Synanon philosophy developed earlier on the West Coast.

Synanon, a name derived from an addict's jumbled mispronunciations of seminar and symposium, was founded in California eight years ago. It has long-term rehabilitation centers there and in Reno and a small short-term center, providing treatment for a week to two months, at Westport, Conn.

William Crawford, director of eastern affairs for the foundation, said the projected long-term treatment center in this area, providing care for two or more years, would resemble one set up recently at Tomales Bay, 40 miles north of San Francisco.