

New center built for elderly

Residential center is the term the Allan Dee Health Care organization uses to describe the buildings it maintains for senior citizens.

"One of their centers recently opened at 31720 Van Born, Wayne."

"The people who live here need some type of assistance," said Robert Gillette, director of operations. "They can't get along in society by themselves. They need to have meals prepared and they enjoy the congregating living. But they don't need to be in nursing homes."

"We charge about half what a nursing home charges because we eliminated the nursing staff while increasing the social staff. In that way we save about 75 per cent of the usual

labor costs. It costs about \$100 a month to live here."

A non-profit corporation, Allan-Dee located its Wayne facility on four acres of land. The 312-bed center cost more than \$3.5 million to build, equip and furnish.

"We are trying to buy land in Birmingham," stated Gillette. "We want to build a place there for senior citizens where they would have their own apartment, but get three meals a day, housekeeping, laundry, activities, transportation in our bus and the services of a retired nurse."

"They could push a button to get attention."

Another Allan Dee Residential Center is at 33300 Utica, Fraser.

Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs in Oakland County is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau.

Inquiries regarding volunteer needs listed here should be made to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau at 642-7272. Requests for volunteer listings should also be made through the Volunteer Bureau.

THE VOLUNTEER BUREAU OF OAKLAND COUNTY, in Birmingham needs two person to assist others in selecting appropriate volunteer opportunities in Oakland County. Interest in helping, the ability to relate to others plus a willingness to learn are the most helpful qualities. A commitment of one afternoon a week is needed. Training is provided.

FARMINGTON AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL, RAP LINE, is a telephone crisis intervention service for all ages. Volunteers interested in helping people examine their options and direct them to an agency are needed. A 40-hour training program begins in January for new volunteers. Hours are flexible, but four hours of volunteer time each week is required.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN, needs volunteers 14 years or older to help children from birth to 12 years of age in daily activities such as feeding, bathing or assisting in the game room. Maturity and a desire to help are the only requirements. Husband and wife teams are encouraged. This is an exceptional opportunity for young persons to gain volunteer experience under professional supervision. Training classes will be held.

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Founders stage museum benefit

The Hilberry Theater production of "A Lady from Maxim's" on Tuesday, Jan. 20, will be a benefit for the Women's Committee of the Founders Society Detroit Institute of Arts to finance its annual project for beautifying the museum grounds.

The committee, chaired by Mrs. Wilber Hadley Mack, has accepted responsibility for the cost of schematic plans by landscape architects Dan Kiley and Associates for the long range plan of tree planting and additional museum landscaping which began with the planting of flowering crab apple trees on the grounds in November.

Mrs. Allen Sheldon III and Mrs. Donald E. Young of Bloomfield Hills are co-chairmen of the beautification committee. Members include Mrs. William Mitchell of Bloomfield Hills.

Each member of the women's committee has pledged to sell eight tickets at \$25 each for the Feydeux French farce on the WSU campus. The curtain rises at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Donald E. Young is chairman of the theatre party; ticket chairman is Mrs. Stanley Ray Day. Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, Bloomfield Hills, is planning an intermission reception.

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