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Schoolcraft's resource center is alive, well

By GERRI JUREY-ANDREWS

When Pat Mason learned that her husband wanted a divorce, she felt scared. When Millie Davis decided to get a job after being home 20 years, she felt unsure of herself. When Marge Wilson's husband passed away and her friends stopped calling, she felt despair.

While the names of these women are fictitious, their circumstances are real. Fortunately, each had heard of the cozy brick house just south of Schoolcraft College's south parking lot. Each visited the house, better known as the Women's Resource Center, and, on entering its door, each changed the course of her life.

Records kept by the center, sponsored by Schoolcraft College, indicate that in the past year, 722 women have walked through its doors and over 1,500 women have called asking for information, referrals, counseling or help in discovering ways to enrich their lives.

Help usually comes as a result of the trained listening ears of the volunteer peer counselors staffing the center. Georgene Sloan, peer counselor trainer, said the peer counselors embrace the philosophy of the center, which is to be supportive, accepting, and non-judgmental.

"There are a lot of people who need to talk to somebody, and we do a lot of listening," she explained. "Many of the women coming to the center are at a stage in life when they're ready for a change, and often they feel a need to sort out their feelings. What the peer counselors do is help them clarify their feelings, their values, their attitudes, and their goals."

UNDER THE GUIDANCE of volunteer supervisor Joanne Hurley, volunteers not only counsel, but also research, man the telephone and type.

"The volunteers here are a special kind of people," Ms. Hurley said. "They're willing to get involved, and this creates a positive atmosphere which is contagious." Her job is to recruit volunteers and schedule their hours so that two peer counselors are available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

A profile of a typical visitor is that of a woman about 35 whose children are now in school. She has time to devote to herself now and wants to do volunteer work, return to school, or find a job. Often she can't decide what she would like to do.

"Women experiencing lifestyle changes often visit the WRC requesting information on types of jobs available to them and help in making the transition from homemaking to one of these jobs," said Ms. Sloan.

"We usually encourage women who aren't sure of the type of work they would like, to take part in our self-directed career planning seminar, especially designed for persons seriously planning to enter the work world."

ACCORDING to Jean Christensen, director of the Women's Resource Center, the seminar has been a hit with women in the community since it began. But it's only a small part of the wealth of resources available at the center.

Endless shelves and files of reference material there can be used by visitors seeking information on career alternatives for women, volunteer opportunities, the ERA, child care, credit discrimination, divorce and even interesting health food recipes.

"There's also a wealth of vocational information here," said Darlene Angeloni, peer counselor. "I could spend a week just looking through the files." Agreeing with her, Luann Shirley, a member of the center's library team, suggested that "if there's anything a woman needs to find out about women, she can find it here."

Since the center opened its doors in its home surroundings in 1974—after bursting the seams of its first home, the Bradner Library at Schoolcraft—its list of services has grown consistently longer.

It now offers structured group discussions and workshops on a variety of topics; free open forum sessions, facilitated by persons knowledgeable and experienced in specific fields, the services of a professional Schoolcraft College counselor who sees clients by appointment only one day a week, and a speakers bureau, offering to community groups a slide presentation with narration by a WRC volunteer.

ADDING TO the bustle, Kay Hocket of WISER (Widowed in Service), a mutual-help program for widowed persons, arrived on the scene in July. Ms. Hocket says the success of both groups working together lies in their eagerness to help women and has been a cooperative effort. "It has to be," she says. "We have the same goal."

Last month, in striving to reach that goal, Jan Burke, Mary Jo Keller, and Pat Tiesworth also added their services to those at the center. Ms. Tiesworth is at the center 3:40 p.m. Tuesdays to provide "anonymous and confidential listening and referrals to persons living with an alcoholic."

Ms. Burke and Ms. Keller are there 1:40 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, representing the Livonia Council of Early Childhood, which provides a child-care referral service to persons seeking information on locations, fees and services available to parents needing child care.

With the addition of these new services at the center, the WRC is once again bursting at its seams, and once again it is overjoyed. Coming with its growth is the knowledge that it is reaching women who need its services.

"I think we all feel that this is an important place and that we're doing an important job," says Ms. Sloan. "We believe in the center and what it stands for. We care."

Zoning fought

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examination of the necessity for the amendments and they didn't show necessity," he said.

Present zoning ordinances could take care of the senior citizen housing shortage in the city, according to Wolk.

"They didn't need to create new zones. They didn't show the need for mid-rise structures," he added.

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