

March of Dimes finds new home in area

By MARY KLEMIC

The Oakland county chapter of the March of Dimes has a new location and new programs to continue the old fight against birth defects. Formerly located on Maple Road near Telegraph, the chapter moved its offices to 5555 W. Maple Rd in West Bloomfield Township last January.

"We wanted a location that was geographically central," said executive

director Delores Wehr. "An awful lot of our volunteers live out here. Mrs. Wehr is also a West Bloomfield resident."

"We're happy to be here," she added. "It's beautiful." Marjorie McCulloch, every

chapter health educator,

said that the goal of the March of Dimes is simply "healthy babies."

"We're for healthy babies," she said. "As we write on our letters, 'Being born healthy is every child's

birthright.'" MARCH OF DIMES, which spurred the successful fight against polio, now tries to educate people in the hope of preventing birth defects.

"Many, many, many birth defects are preventable, but people don't realize it," Ms. McCulloch said. "Stop to think of the impact of a birth defect-

child, compared to a little amount of effort in preparation."

Mrs. Wehr said the chapter is gearing its activities towards the subject of adolescent pregnancy. Pregnant teens run a high risk of giving birth to imperfect babies.

The pregnancy can be dangerous for the mother as well as the baby.

Myra Jacobs, chapter health educator, said that young persons should be taught the responsibilities of parenthood.

"If young adults are educated as to the responsibilities of parenthood, it will be a planned decision," she said.

Ms. Jacobs and Ms. McCulloch visit schools

and give classroom presentations. They also provide resource materials for schools to use on their own.

ONE NEW educational program, called the Parenthood Education Program, or the PEP Kit, explains venereal disease, alcohol and drug abuse and the importance of good prenatal care.

The kit is written in what Ms. McCulloch called a "comic book-soap opera approach."

"Often kids are just given a textbook," she said.

Another new program, called "Starting a Healthy Family: Choosing Parenthood," discusses what to do if a child is born with a birth defect.

Parents often object to such presentations, Mrs. Wehr said. "They're not really aware of the magnitude of the problem."

"Some parents are living in a way-it was or a wish-it-were world as far as their teens are concerned," said Ms. McCulloch. "If they only

knew what their teens face."

THE OAKLAND COUNTY chapter is unique in its staff and its resources.

"We're the only chapter in the state of Michigan that has two such qualified health educators," Mrs. Wehr said.

Ms. Jacobs, a former teacher, holds degrees in guidance and counseling.

Ms. McCulloch is a registered nurse.

"Most of the chapters are smaller, with one person doing everything," Ms. McCulloch said.

The chapter provides resource materials, such as pamphlets and films, including the academy award-winning film,

"Teenage Father."

"There really is a shortage of resource centers," Ms. Jacobs said.

The materials are available free of charge. Call the office at 851-8800 for information.

The March of Dimes must raise its own funds, as it is not part of the United Fund.

View from a wheelchair

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Reed's world, it is one usually limited to her neighborhood. Mrs. Reed pushes her daughter in her moveable chair unless someone comes through with a ride offer.

"I wish I could drive a car, work and go where everyone goes and has fun," longed Miss Reed, who then added quickly, "But it cannot be."

Those who can't resist staring at a handicapped person will be interested in what Miss Reed writes about this problem.

"My family and I have had to overcome the attitudes of a lot of rude people because of my handicap," she said in her book. "Sometimes I think some people are going to stare a hole through me."

"It bothers my mom more than it does me. I have learned to cope with it by the time I go where I want, when I want, and I couldn't care less what anyone thinks of my being there."

"I have nothing to be ashamed of. I feel I'm just as good as anyone else."

However, the rude behavior she has encountered has been counteracted by thoughtful actions.

"Many people go out their way to open doors for you," she indicated. "Or they stop their cars when you want to cross. The majority of people are helpful."

DON'T GET THE IDEA that life is all dark clouds and defeats to this Garden City author. Among the people who brought her a silver lining was Elvira Presley.

"I never met him, but he added a great happiness to my life," she said. "When I first heard him as a teenager, he changed my life. He gave me a reason for living. Well, that isn't quite right. I've always enjoyed life. He just made it better. He had a

charisma about him that really drew people to him."

She saw him perform in Las Vegas, and includes a poem about the performance in her book.

There was nothing to compare with it. The screams, the cries, the rage. When the curtain went up at a concert, And Elvis walked out on stage.

She recalled: "It was a bad day for me when he passed away."

In her book, Miss Reed describes several childhood romances. But she has never married.

"If love should come into my life, I will welcome it if I feel it is right for me," she wrote. "And if not, I've survived this long without it. That's not to say I am totally happy without love because I am not. Personally I believe that everyone must experience love with the opposite sex to be a fulfilled person."

"My life will not be complete until I do have the love of a man. But it must be a man who can love me and accept me for what I am, not what he wants me to be. I know that will have to be a special kind of man, with a special kind of love."

MISS REED passes her time watching soap operas, going shopping, writing poems, knitting and talking to people. She also paints china, having learned through a program provided by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

A few years ago she went into this hobby heavily, taking her hand-painted jewelry to arts and craft shows in shopping centers. With the money made from this, she was able eight years ago to purchase her house in Garden City.

"It gave me a sense of dignity to be making my own way in life," she said. "Everyone needs dignity."

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities			
			Thousands of dollars
Cash and due from depository institutions		930	
U.S. Treasury securities		1,480	
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		NONE	
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		490	
Other bonds, notes, and debentures		NONE	
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock		39	
Trading account securities		NONE	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		300	
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	13,869		
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	56		
Loans, Net		13,813	
Lease financing receivables		NONE	
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		756	
Real estate owned other than bank premises		NONE	
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		NONE	
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		NONE	
Other assets		239	
TOTAL ASSETS		18,047	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		1,500	
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		6,625	
Deposits of United States Government		7	
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		4,816	
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions		NONE	
Deposits of commercial banks		2,755	
Certified and officers' checks		161	
Total Deposits		15,864	
Total demand deposits	4,423		
Total time and savings deposits	11,441		
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		NONE	
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury		203	
Other liabilities for borrowed money		NONE	
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		NONE	
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		NONE	
Other liabilities		238	
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)		16,305	
Subordinated notes and debentures		NONE	
Preferred stock	No. shares outstanding	NONE	(par value) NONE
Common stock	No. shares authorized	50,000	
	No. shares outstanding	50,000	(par value) 500
Surplus		800	
Undivided profits		411	
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		31	
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL		1,742	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL		18,047	
Amounts outstanding as of report date:			
Standby letters of credit, total		NONE	
Amount of standby letters of credit conveyed to others through participations		NONE	
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		4,321	
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		NONE	
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:			
Cash and due from depository institutions		693	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		253	
Total loans		14,041	
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		5,284	
Total deposits		16,111	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		207	
Other liabilities for borrowed money		NONE	
Total assets		18,313	
We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.			
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