

Agencies seek volunteers, contributions

How residents can help aid Cambodian refugees

For those looking for a way to help Cambodian refugees in Southeast Asia, Farmington resident Joanne McShane has compiled a list of agencies trying to help.

Not all of these groups are asking for financial contributions. They need volunteers too.

- Michigan Indo-Chinese Resettlement Office, Room 462 Michigan Plaza Building, 1200 Sixth Street, Detroit 48226; 256-9776.

This department of social service agency is state and federally funded. It provides referral services for translation, legal aid and immigration. Its main goal is resettlement of refugees. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. This agency can't accept money.

- Michigan Refugee Relief Fund, Box 55-316A, Detroit 48255.

This is a private, non-profit group, which aims at slicing through bureaucratic red tape. Michigan Gov. William Milliken is the major advocate for this

group. Interested persons also can contact: Governor's office, Plaza Building, Detroit, or call Holly Witkowski, 256-3882.

- U.S. Catholic Conference, 1250 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10001

- World Medical Relief — Detroit; Mrs. Curberlin, 866-5388.

The organization would like donations of drugs, medical supplies and vitamins.

- Hebrew Immigrant Aid, 200 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10003.

- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 360 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10010

- Church World Service (Protestant), 475 Riverside Drive, Room 666, New York, N.Y. 10027

- International Rescue Committee

(non-sectarian), 386 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016

- International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit Inc., 111 East Kirby, Detroit 48202; program coordinator, Violeta Tatarunas, 671-8600.

This social service agency serves the foreign born through resettlement programs as well as family and individual counseling. It's accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice to act as advocates on behalf of clients. This non-

profit organization is a member of United Community Service.

Its Indo-Chinese refugee resettlement program provides help in resettlement and support services. The program needs volunteers to sponsor a refugee family. Groups of neighbors, block clubs, fraternal organizations, women's groups or individual families can sponsor a refugee. They will act as the primary contact for the refugees with their new home.

Volunteers are needed also to help

with the support network.

Volunteers help sponsoring groups in finding shelter, providing transportation, seeking employment, providing household needs, providing clothing, identifying services for the educational needs of the family and assisting in the orientation of the family. So far, this group has placed 500 persons in Wayne and Oakland counties this year.

- To send bulk or boxed items to Vietnam go through The United Nations High Commission on Refugees, U.N.

Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017; (212) 754-7600; or UNHCR, P.O. Box 121, Rajamno, Bangkok, Thailand.

Since sending boxed items to Vietnam is expensive. Groups are advised to go through an organization such as United American Freight Inc., Michelle Kotcher, 946-8600. This is a private company with low-charges shipping once a week to Saigon via Detroit Metropolitan Airport, insured. Boxes from one to 14 pounds cost \$35 to ship and \$2.50 per pound after that. Pick up rate for packages is \$12.

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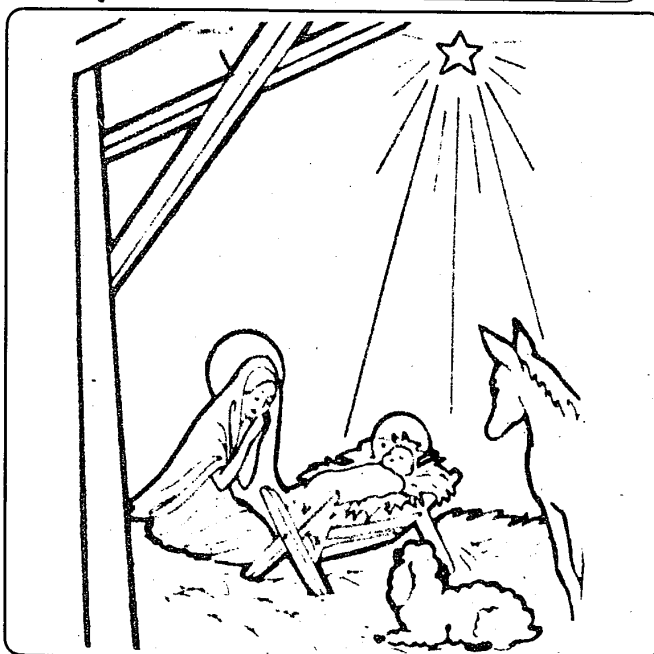
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