# Volunteer enlists to fight cancer

Marise Levy of Franklin is helping to

As a volunteer information specialis As a volunteer mornature specialists in the Public Response Program of the Michigan Cancer Foundation she spends five hours a week helping to field some of the 6,000 calls that come in to the Meyer L. Prentis Center each year.

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"Patients have to be informed about cancer in order to ask important and relevant questions of their doctors," said the mother of two who is also a Wayne State University graduate with a major in clinical psychology. "Cancer is still so mysterious. We have to take it out of the closet. "You have to be well-informed and an empathic listener. You also have to e objective enough to determine whether a caller has a medical need or an emotional one so that proper information and referrals can be made," she said.

said.
Volunteer Information Specialists attend a six-session training program and receive ongoing instruction from professional staff.

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Each volunteer commits at least four hours each week in the public re-sporse office where the control of the public re-sporse office where the control of the public state of the control of



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Information on Reye's Syndrome is now available by telephone from Tel-Med, a medical information service offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) and the Wayne County Medical Society.

The three-minute tape recording on the mysterious diseases are not 430 tapes, written by dialing 393-1976.

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Tel-Med operators are on duty from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays Fridays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays. To hear the Reye's Syndrome tape, ask for tape number 5001.

THE REYE'S Syndrome tape reports that the disease usually follows a viral infection, especially flu or chicken pox, and occurs most frequently in the Midwest.

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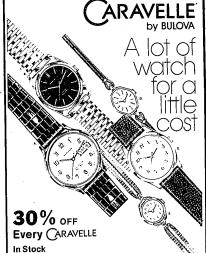
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