

Residents honored for blood donations

A number of Farmington and Farmington Hills residents were among the more than 500 special blood donors who were honored by the American Red Cross Blood Services Southeastern Michigan Region at the fourth annual

Pheresis Recognition Reception held November 7. Farmington residents receiving framed certificates of appreciation from Dr. A. William Shafer, director, and Dr. Shobha Shah, medical director, were William Boger, Edgard R. Jor-

dan, Gloria Bird, Paul Eggers, Roger Riley and Paul R. Schulte.

From Farmington Hills, the list includes William Brown, Bruce Carr, Linda K. McCulloch, Robert Forsgren and John H. Styles. Also honored were Plymouth residents Donald Lapenta, Paul Toth, Daniel Kramarenko, Robert C. Parks, Ollie Parker, Elyse Kittrakis, David Sikkels and James P. Schneider.

"We at the Red Cross and the recipients consider our pheresis donors as 'special people,'" explained Dr. Shafer.

"Pheresis donors don't give whole blood. They give a specific component of their blood for a specific patient. They might give plasma or platelets or white cells in a procedure that takes two or more hours."

In the pheresis procedure, said Dr. Shafer, blood is drawn from one arm and passed through a blood separating instrument that separates and collects a single blood component such as plasma, platelets or white cells.

The remaining blood components, including the red cells, are returned to

the donor usually through the other arm. The body normally replaces the component drawn in pheresis within 24 hours.

Pheresis therapy is used to treat patients undergoing cancer therapy or have leukemia or aplastic anemia or other diseases which respond to this type of medical therapy.

A platelet transfusion for one patient would require six to eight donations of whole blood and that white cells are extremely difficult to extract from a whole blood donation. Thanks to the pheresis process, a single donor is used to obtain the white cells or platelets needed for a transfusion.

"Because we can obtain enough of the needed component from one donor, it lessens the risk to the patient of a possible reaction," said Dr. Shafer.

Pheresis donors range in age from 17 (with parental consent) and 65 and have no health problems. For additional information about the pheresis program, contact the Red Cross at 833-4440, ext. 252.

Miller studies at Mercy

Steven E. Miller of Farmington Hills is a first-year student in the Physician's Assistant program at Mercy College of Detroit.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary E. Miller and a graduate of Spring Lake High School.

The Physician's Assistant program at Mercy College leads to a Bachelor of Science degree and prepares students as mid-level practitioners who will assist primary-care physicians in their medical work.

The two-year program concentrates in the first year on the biological, medical and behavioral sciences.



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Journalists win awards

Three student journalists from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills received awards at the national convention of the Journalism Education Association at the Book Cadillac Hotel, November 8-9.

Thirty-six students from Mercy attended the 24th convention. They were among the nearly 1,000 participants and their advisers who attended from throughout the U.S.

Mary Moriconi, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moriconi, 16358 Edwards, Southfield, won a second place for a three minute broadcast in the radio news category.

Suzanne LaCroix, 16, editor of the

school newspaper, OLM Newsprint, took a second place for page makeup and design. A senior, Suzanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald LaCroix, 5091 Glenway, Brighton.

Lori Hawkins, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hawkins, 24142 Elizabeth Court, Farmington, won an honorable mention in sports writing for a story on Title IX, a federal law requiring equal treatment for males and females in high school and college athletics.

In this writing competition all students had two hours in which to prepare their copy after reading background material and interviewing a news source.

Stewart earns master's degree

Gary Stewart, 36661 Grand River Road, Farmington, was among students who received master's degrees

recently at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Stewart received the degree in hospital pharmacy.

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