Get ready for volunteer week

At 5 p.m. each Saturday, 17-year-old Sheri Barnett, her sister Jill, 15, and brother Ed, 16, begin their evening's volunteer work at the Henry Ford Hos-pital West Bloomileld Center. Jill and Ed head for the Emergency Vector and Shert lakes her place in the

Jill and Ed head for the Emergency Room and Shert lakes her place in the Radiology Department. No Saturday night is quite like the one before, so the three West Bloomfield High School atu-dents never know what to expect. They nook forward to whatever the

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They look forward to whatever the night will bring.
This week (Aprill 17-23), National Volunteer Week, is set aside in recognition of the valuable work of volunteers like Sheri, Jill, Ed and 1.7 million others who volunteer in a variety of settings in the metropolitan Detroit area. At the warrious Henry Ford Hospital centers, about 400 volunteers give more than 48.500 hours a year doing a variety of jobs from clerical work to escorting patients to therapy.
WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS of all ages, said Ann McDaniel of Farming-

ton Hills, coordinator of Volunteer Services for Henry Ford Hospital. "Most are retirees, but about 30 are teenagers. We're trying to enhance our volunteer program by offering educational training."

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Sheri likes it so much, in fact, that she has applied to Henry Ford Hospital's School of Radologic Technology for the fall. 'I know my volunteer experience helped on my application. People know that I'm willing to work hard."

est in medicine. "I'm too young to decide yet," she said. "But I'm realiy thinking about being a doctor. Medicine is very interesting and exciting."

She recalls two recent experiences in the West Bioomfield Center's Emergency Room that were, to her, exciting chances to be directly helpful to patients.

A guy came in who had taken a drug overdose The nurses and the doctor over thing with him frantically, and I was the 'runner,' taking blood samples to the lab, gettling equipment.

"Then another time, a woman came in who was having her baby, and I had to do all the running for the doctors. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a young person like me," she said.

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BROTHER ED, who works in the Emergency Room with Jill, squeezes volunteering into a full schedule of playing in a jazz band, taking engineering design classes and looking for a job.

"I do such things as wheel patients

from the waiting room to the treatment room, belp fill out forms, change beds, help the older people and sometimes help the doctor put the cast on a patient with a broken arm or leg. Sometimes I come home with plaster all over my clothes.

1 just went for a job inteview and when the manager saw on my resume that I did you have the work per season through I'm not intertested in a career in medicine, will help me git a job.

Sheri ahares the feelings of her brother and sister when she talks about the center's staff. They're so competent and so dedicated, but what is really ince for us is that they make us feel important and treat us as equals. Sometimes we work hard and get tired, but I go home feeling very good.

THE TIME volunteers give is invaluable in a place such as the lift! West Bloomfield Center, which serves patients 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

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