

America celebrates National Home Care Week

National Home Care Week will be celebrated in cities and towns throughout the country. It is a time of special recognition for the importance of home health care services and the professionals all over the U.S. who deliver the high quality care allowing elderly, infirm, ill, disabled and handicapped Americans to live in dignity at home.

Val J. Halamandaris, president of the National Association for Home Care which represents more than 3,000 providers of professional home care services in the country, recently cited the three most important reasons for the rapidly growing public demand for home health care services as, tradition, technology and cost.

In the oldest and best tradition of American health care delivery, home care brings individualized services to people in the warmth and dignity of their own homes, keeping families together.

Advanced technology is making even the most complex therapies portable and accessible to patients at home.

"Also, there is overwhelming evidence that home care is less expensive than other forms of health care, costing approximately one-tenth as much as hospitalization and one-fourth as much as nursing home placement to deal with comparable problems," said Halamandaris.

PROVIDERS of home care and community service organizations around the country will be sponsoring health fairs and other local community activities for children and adults to help raise public awareness of home care.

Technological advances, the sophisticated training of nurses, technicians, therapists, homemaker-home health aides and other professional and volunteer caregivers; and the skyrocketing costs of health care in nursing homes and hospitals all point to home care as the wave of the future.

A recent report issued by the National Association for Home Care, the largest professional association representing the interests of both the providers and beneficiaries of home health care services, offers substantial evidence that the future of health care in America is home care.

According to that study, conducted by forecaster-futurist and author, Dr. Marvin Cetron, of those Americans who are aware of home health care, 85 percent support the concept, and 72 percent of the American public preferred home care to nursing homes for the care of individuals needing frequent medical and housekeeping assistance.

Halamandaris said National Home Care Week 1985 will be the beginning of a major campaign to make every American aware of the availability and capability of professional home care services to meet most of their health care needs.

"One in every seven Americans is potentially in need of home care," said Halamandaris. "We are a nation with 28 million elderly citizens, 10 million disabled and handicapped adults, 10 million children with chronic medical conditions, and only about two million people now receive home care services," he continued. "There are choices available, choices that offer a cost-effective and humane alternative to institutionalization in nursing homes or hospitals," he said.



Jan Dolan (at far right), mayor of Farmington Hills and an advocate of quality health care for the elderly, helps celebrate National Home Care Week with visits to those who get assistance from

Health Care Professionals Ltd. Home health aide Donald Pearson (at left) and nurse Penny Brown visit Bernard Sands, a resident of Farmington Inn, about three times a week.



Family ministries

Terry and Eea Everrood bring an evening of music and message, accounting family and marriage enrichment, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in Northwest Church, 28111 10 Mile. The Everroods Ministries is made up of the couple and their five children who travel throughout the country to conduct evangelistic concerts, marriage and family seminars, praise and worship gatherings, retreats and revivals. There is no admission charge.

Shop opens for men only

Stag Night, a Christmas shopping opportunity for businessmen in the Farmington area, will run 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in Originals, Ltd. The shop offers unique custom designed items such as jewelry, pottery, paintings, baskets, and purses by local artists and craftsmen. Originals, Ltd. is on the second floor of Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road.

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Farmington 'Bits' series on display

Several pieces of Carol Hansen's art series called "Farmington Bits" are on display in Pictures and More Gallery, Farmington Road and Grand River.

"As with any artists, I felt compelled to do a series of work on one of the most influential things in my life. For me it was my hometown," Hansen said.

The four pieces on display are called "Upstairs Window at 33818 Grand River," "Water Under Shawassaw Road," "Farmington Cemetery" and "Stone Lions." She calls the pieces "farmington drawings of my intimate images of the city."

Other works in the series are on display in Artsource Gallery in Flint, and

several were submitted in Oakland Community College's Helen DeRoy competition this fall.

Hansen has been a consistent winner in the DeRoy competition and in 1983 won its purchase prize. This year she was commissioned to design the Christmas card for Eastern Michigan Environmental Action Council. Other prizes

have been won for her drawings of wildlife.

Hansen graduated from Farmington High School in 1973 and has studied art in Moti Community College, Dallas College in Texas and Oakland Community College. She is attending University of Michigan. She is an associate member of Farmington Artists Club.

Artists called to enter design competition

Michigan artists are invited to participate in a special competition to design the 1986 Michigan Youth Corps recruitment poster, state labor director Elizabeth P. Howe announced today.

"We are offering artists an opportunity to have the satisfaction of seeing their work chosen and displayed at

thousands of locations throughout the state," Howe said.

Howe said the poster will provide information to potential Youth Corps workers - all unemployed 18-21-year-old Michigan residents - for information on the program, including where and how to apply for a job.

Further information and copies of

the contest rules will be available at most college and university art departments, or from the Michigan Youth Corps office at 517-375-9875 or write: Michigan Youth Corps, Poster Contest, 292 Civic Center Office Building, Lansing 48913.

Entries must be postmarked no later

than Feb. 14, 1986.

"More than 60,000 young men and women have found jobs with the Youth Corps since 1983," Howe said. "We believe the fourth Youth Corps will be even more exciting and satisfying to the thousands of young people who will join in, and for all Michigan residents who benefit from the program."

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