

Holiday spirit

Teens help the less fortunate

Jackie Acho is a North Farmington High School senior.

By Jackie Acho
special writer

North Farmington National Honor Society proves that teenagers still care about helping other people. The group is filling the holidays with seasonal fund-raisers.

This is the 13th consecutive year the honor society has raised money to aid local families in need. North students "buy new clothes, toys for the kids and some food," said senior Ross Jacobs, chapter president.

The honor society raised about \$1,000 earlier in the year to cover these expenses. "It sponsored a dance at school and received money from the sophomore and senior boards, the band, the student council

and individual contributions," said Mary Keen, faculty adviser to the group and physical education instructor.

"The families are generally working but in need, and they don't receive government aid," Keen said. "This gives them a chance to put all money towards bills for a while."

NORTH'S HONOR society further demonstrated the helping spirit by raising money to improve the playground conditions at Cloverdale Training Center.

The facility is for the severely mentally impaired between the ages of 6 and 26. The recreational equipment, however, is "not only difficult for the students to use, but it is also intimidating," Jacobs said.

The honor society hopes to change this.

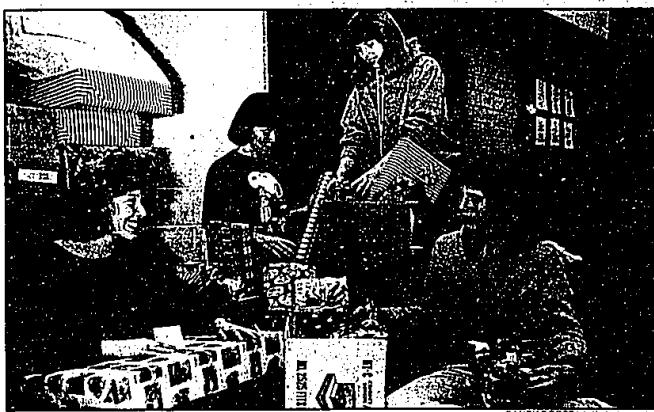
In addition to these fund-raisers,

the honor society has recently completed its annual Goodfellows' canned food drive. About 1,200 cans were collected from the students at a school dance and through class competitions. Results showed an enthusiastic victory by the freshmen.

"MOST OF the cans will go to the Goodfellows," Keen said, "and some will be sent to the Headstart Food Bank."

These events undertaken by the students at North show a successful transformation from school spirit to giving spirit. All of the work is done voluntarily, and it will continue throughout the year.

National Honor Society chapter members are "open to new ideas from the community," said Jacobs, "and people should feel free to contact the school."



North Farmington High School students (from left) Merge Cramer, Diana Richel, Terry Spangler and Tammy Spangler help prepare gifts for the area's needy.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer



PETER BALDWIN

Thanks, Santa!

Farmington Hills firefighters threw a holiday party for their children Dec. 15, complete with a visit from Santa. Above, 3-year-old Jon Maddern, son of firefighter Brad Maddern, receives his gift from Santa (alias firefighter Richard Levine). Also pictured is firefighter Denny Hughes.

Hospital hosts Hillel students' art exhibit

During the winter holiday season, the lobby areas of Sinai Hospital have been transformed into an art gallery, exhibiting the works created by students of Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills.

The students' creations center on Hanukkah and Jewish themes.

Dec. 15, a latke lunch and tour of the exhibit was held for Hillel students and parents. More than 400 guests were on hand to celebrate the last day of Hanukkah.

The exhibit was jointly sponsored by the Detroit-based hospital and the Sinai Guild. Roberta Blitz chairs the Guild's Committee on Outreach to Jewish

Community.

"In addition, I think this project gave the kids a special sense about what the hospital does, and they seemed to feel that their art was, in some way, going to have a positive effect on the patients."

"When the idea for the art exhibit was first conceived, we felt it was very important for our children to be able to display something they had created that celebrates a joyous event in Jewish history," Shlomi said.

"At the latke lunch, Sinai executive vice president Irving Shapiro, was on hand to present opening remarks to the guests.

"We are happy that members of the

community, Arrangements were made the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

LILLIAN E. GULLEN (GILDEMEISTER)

Mrs. Gullen, 92, of Allentown, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 15 in Inter City Christian Manor.

Born in Northville, Mrs. Gullen was a homemaker. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington, Redford Womans Club at Redford Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her son, Harold; eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were Dec. 18 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Schulz officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Florida.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Schaefer was a cobbler.

Survivors include her husband, Howard; sisters, Janet Parayla, Virginia Mitchell, Mary Filer, Louise Hansen, Lena Sartoris; brother, Dominic Zarzaretti.

Services were Dec. 15 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Schulz officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Florida.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

KATHLEEN M. HORAL

Mrs. Horal, 54, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 13 in Grace Hospital, Detroit.

Mrs. Horal was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; sons, John and Tom; daughters, Anne Nichols and Jane; sisters, Jane Thill and Margaret Watkins; a brother, John Toohey.

Services were Dec. 17 at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to P.I.S.H. Organization or St. Vincent DePaul So-

ciety. Arrangements were made the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

Mr. Piechowski was a retired custodian in the education system. He was a member of the American Legion Post 191.

Survivors include his wife, Delphine; sons, Walter and Richard; two grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 18 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Arthur Jacob officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

PAUL D. MACEY

Mr. Macey, 35, of Livonia died Dec. 15.

Mr. Macey was an engineer for American Motors. He was a member of Wayne State Alumni, St. Clair Shores Power Squadron and the Lawrence Institute of Technology Alumni.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Louise; father, Ferdinand Macey; sisters, Leona Bryce; brothers, Ferdinand and the Rev. Richard Macey.

Services were Dec. 21 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Colman Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Macey officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

WILLIAM J. WEINRAUCH

Mr. Weinrauch, 60, of Union Lake, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 18.

Mr. Weinrauch was a plumbing inspector for the City of Farmington. He was a member of the Farmington Elks and Livonia D.A. Veterans. Mr. Weinrauch was a World War II Marine Corp veteran. He was an Iwo Jima survivor.

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