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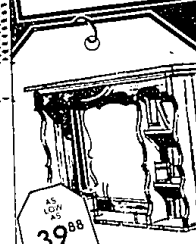
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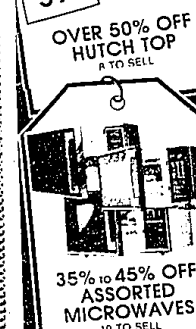
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Hills-based bank gives seniors a lift

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

A spanking new Dodge Ram van is awaiting the Farmington area's senior adults.

In a special ceremony Thursday, Michigan National Bank officers presented Farmington Hills Mayor Ben Marks with keys to the new van. Jack Simpson, one of the area's senior adults, cut the big red ribbon circling the van, which is accessible for handicapped passengers.

"We deeply appreciate this gift from Independence for Life," Marks said. "This van will greatly facilitate the transportation needs of our older citizens."

The 1987 van was provided through Independence for Life, a non-profit charitable corporation, which provides courtesy vans to Michigan senior citizen programs. Michigan National Bank, which will soon have new headquarters in Farmington Hills, sponsors Independence for Life.

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— Ben Marks
Hills mayor

"We said we really wanted to make sure our organization contributed to the areas we serve around the state," said Robert Mylod, bank chairman and chief executive officer. "We look at a lot of different ideas. But the one that kept coming back to us was the idea that people need to get to where they are going."

BECAUSE OF the demand for senior adult vans, the bank will soon begin a fund-raising campaign. For each Automatic Teller Network transaction, a contribution will be made to Independence for Life. And each time a new VISA card is issued



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This is the new Senior Courtesy Van that Michigan National Bank donated to Farmington-area seniors through its Independence for Life program.

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or a new personal checking account is opened, Michigan National Bank will make a donation to the non-profit corporation.

"The response to the transportation program has been excellent," said Fred Romanoff, Independence

for Life president.

The van will be used by the senior adult division, Farmington Hills department of special services, which serves senior adults in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Also on hand at Thursday's cere-

mony were representatives from the city of Farmington, Farmington Hills, senior adult division, Farmington Area Commission on Aging, Michigan National and Judge Michael Hand of the 47th District Court in Farmington.

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