

# Groups to unite in helping needy

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While resources among the organizations remain available, they are not plentiful, said the Rev. Arthur Spafford, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Farmington.

AS A result, a central clearinghouse, where recipients would be screened to maximize but not duplicate benefits, was hailed as the best method to alleviate the problem of people jumping from charitable organization to charitable organization.

It is not known where the clearinghouse would be or who would staff it.

Tupper said he "stumbled" onto the fact that many of the needy were receiving assistance from more than one place, a fact that remained largely unknown because of a lack of communication among various service agencies.

"There is enough duplication taking place to convince me that we have to do something," he said.

The Farmington Area Goodfellows, which serves both Farmington and Farmington Hills, provided food, toys, clothing and gift certificates to 177 families last year. That figure included aid to 430 children and 112 senior citizens.

According to Tupper, the Goodfellows serves the majority of recipients during the holiday season but provides aid throughout the year to people who show a true need.

The Farmington Hills Salvation Army provided aid to 1,164 people in the area last year.

DAN POTTER, Farmington Hills special services director, offered to help create a liaison between the city and the charitable organizations, provided the city council agrees.

"I think we would be more than happy to try and establish something," Potter said. "I think there are a lot of questions to be answered yet. But if you're saying to us as a city, 'Could you cooperate?' I think we'd be willing to look at that."

Tupper said the next step is to create a smaller group of volunteers to examine options. "We want to identify the problem, which I think we've done here, and come up with a purpose," he said.

Tupper, who stressed the need not to overemphasize abuse of the system, added that the main goal of the charitable organizations is to become "more effective and efficient" in reducing duplication and serving the needy.

"If we don't try to take better advantage of our time, we're going to spend more time with the 5 percent who abuse the system," he said.

Concern for allocation of aid comes at a time when both charitable organizations are working to fill holiday needs in the community.

In addition to annual contributions by community members, an annual newspaper sale is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 27.

**THE GOODFELLOWS** receives 90 percent of its income from contributions and the paper sale. Other activities will include a canned food drive Nov. 23 through Dec. 4, toys, clothing and boys shirt drive Nov. 23 through Dec. 11. Gift baskets will be delivered Saturday, Dec. 19.

Contributions of \$8 for a shirt or \$17 for a dress are tax deductible. Mail your check to Shirley Richardson, Goodfellows dress and shirt coordinator, 33926 Oakland, Farmington 48024. You also may buy or make a shirt or dress to contribute. Sizes in greatest need are 8-14. Call Pat Ratliff, dress chair, 476-0464, or Paula Blumberg, shirt chair, 476-1066.

To donate canned foods, call Pamela O'Reilly, 477-1300. To help pack baskets, call Chuck Schulkins, 474-4461. To help pack toys, call Louise McCloud, 435-7798. To help sell papers, call Chuck Bridges, 474-1515. To help dress dolls, call Nita Pitz, 476-4598. To help deliver baskets, call Bill O'Connor, 476-1693. To help with typing, call Tupper, 474-5771.

The Goodfellows' motto is: "A Time to Share — A Time to Care."



The Mercyaires perform near the Great Scott! checkout counter during a school fund-raising project.

photos by HAROLD BORGSTAFF photographer

## Mercy activities get a 'great' boost



Mercy 10th grader Adrianna Paoicco bags groceries as part of the fall Great Scott! day.

MERCY HIGH School Dad's Club and Mother's Club hosted its fall Great Scott! Day at the Great Scott! at Middlebelt and 11 Mile, across from the Farmington Hills school Oct. 21.

Prizes, gifts and entertainment were the order of the day. Great Scott! donated a portion of all sales that day to support Mercy sports and extracurricular activities.

Students pitched in by bagging groceries, carting them to the parking lot and collecting the carts. The Mercyaires provided entertainment.

The fund-raiser is a traditional part of the school year at the private, all girls school.



AT LEFT: Mercy High 10th graders Stephanie Aho (left) and Pamela Delonia collect shopping carts from the parking lot at Great Scott! Middlebelt and 11 Mile, across from Farmington Hills Mercy High School.

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## November CALENDAR of events

- Holiday shopping in our Birmingham stores includes a variety of events. Join us in our Apparel Store, unless otherwise noted in the listing.
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. See our Erico of California needlepoint collection. Shown through Saturday, November 14. Store for the Home.  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Kids, Santa's mailbox is open until December 9. Children's.
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. See our beautiful Natori lingerie informally modeled.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
Noon-5 p.m. Estee Lauder Facials. For appointment, call 644-6900, ext. 347. Cosmetics Treatment Room. \$15 fee applied to purchase.  
Noon-8 p.m. See our Estate Jewelry Collection Show in Fine Jewelry.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
Noon-5 p.m. Estee Lauder Facials by appointment. 644-6900, ext. 347.  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. Estate Jewelry Collection Show continues in Fine Jewelry.
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Black Diamond Fur Collection informally modeled. Fur Salon.
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Louis Feraud International Designer Collection informally modeled throughout the store.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
Noon-6 p.m. Meet designer Janice Haddad of J.H. Designs fashion jewelry.  
Noon-8 p.m. Mountings for jewels...Hoffman Remount Clinic. Fine Jewelry.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Hoffman Remount Clinic gives jewels new surroundings.
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Albert Nipon Designer Collection informally modeled.  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Through November 28, see the Alice Peterson trunk show in the Needlepoint Shop. Store for the Home.
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Donna Richard Lingerie Collection informally modeled.  
1-4 p.m. Gerber Knife Sharpening Clinic in the Store for the Home.  
7 p.m. Formal Fashion Show-Holiday Fashions for favorite ladies. Coat Salon. R.S.V.P. 644-6900, ext. 202.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
Noon-5 p.m. Indian Face Painting/Headdress Making. Children's Store.

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