Love, humor helped couple raise 8 kids

Love, humor, communication, faithful values and lots of luck. That's what Tim and Kathleen Harrington of Redford Township cite anost important in raising a family. It has been a winning formula for the Harringtons.

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Their eight children are all graduates of Our Lady of Lorecto Elementary School and Bishop Borgess High School. Seven of the eight are college graduates, with youngest daughter Shelagh just a year away from achieving that goal.

"We enjoyed raising our kids at every stage," and far. Harrington, an elementary school teacher at St. Christine's in Detroit. "There was never an age we couldn't stand, like terrible 2a."

IN THREE separate decades sere were children at Our Lady of oretto — as many as seven at one

And for a dozen years there were Harringtons at Bishop Borgess, All that private schooling equals a lot of

tuition.

"We were adding it up one day and we spent over \$60,000," said Mr. Harrington, operations manager for Cleaners Community Food Bank. He took the job four years ago after completing a S5-year career with Sears.

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tuition was money well spent. The kids turned out great."

For callege, the children got financial aid, worked part-time jobs and lived in their parents! bome rent free, At one time, four Harrington children worked at a Wendy's restaurant at Telegraph and Five Mille. All five daughters worked for Sears at various times.

THE ELDEST, twins Maureen Sherry and Kathleen Carney, are teachers like their mom. Maureen, a graduate of Western Michigan University, taught at Gibson School for the Gifted in Redford until taking leave to raise her children, John, 2, 244 Ann 1.

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Kathleen, a graduate of Madonna College, taught at St. Valentine in Redford for three and a half years before leaving to raise Keving, 2, and Maureen, 9 months.

Both sisters live in Redford, just a short hop west from their parents home near Telegraph and West Chicago. And both are taking courses to

keep up to date with the teaching ca-reers they plan to resume when their children are older.

OLDEST SON Tim earned a degree in consonies from Wayne State University of Detroit in the state of the state

The Shiverses make their home in Reddord.

VOUNGEST SON Mike graduating the form U of D last May (making the college a complete male Harrington tradition) with a markeling degree and is looking for a job. Like Patiria and asister Shelagh, he lives with his parents.

"I go to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and should graduate in one year with a degree in political science and a minor in communications," and Shelagh, who is working at the Phoenix ad group part time. A political internship in Washington, D.C., is looming on the horizon for next summer. And the youngest Harrington said she would like to work for U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D. Michigan, if arrangements can be made.

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IT WAS 1958 when Tim Harrington carried his bride over the threabild of their new home on Olympia, two blocks north of Six Mile. They were to spend the next 27½ years there.

"Redford's a very fine community," Harrington said. "Our kids played at Claude Allison park and they knew all the kids in the neighborhood. It was great fun."

Mrs. Harrington, a graduate of Margyrove College, stayed home to take care of her family until the

year there were five children at Bishop Borgess. Tuition drove mom back to work — teaching at St. Christine in the Brightmoor district

Christine in the Brightmoor district of Data was 14 years ago. Today she had was 14 years ago. Today she is a third grade homeroom teacher and also has classes of fourth and fifth graders.

Through the years, Mary Pat remembers a tof laughs. Tim recalls the iron discipline.

All the boys played in Little League. The girls were cheerleaders. Shelagh was bomecoming queen at Bishop Borgess. Peggy was on the homecoming court at Catholic Central. Mary Pat was the Rose of Tralee and won a trip to Kerry, Ireland, to represent Michigan.

WHEN TIM Harrington's Brighton Sears store was closed, he worked at Gleaners for six weeks and became a member of the food bank's board

of directors.

A year later, the Gleaners board authorized the position of general manager, and Harrington joined full

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"I've always had care and concern for social issues. I think there's probably a little bit more need out there this year. We've been so busy. We've probably dispensed 25 percent to 30 percent more food this year."

Some of the children helped the father transport food collected at suburban supermarkets prior to



Members of the Harrington clan are: (tront row) Mary Pat Harrington (left), Kathleen Harrington, Tim Harrington, Maureen Sherry; (back Harrington, Michael Harrington, Michael Harrington.

Thanksgiving, packing their cars for the drive to Gleaners' inner city Detection.

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