



John Chambers (left), Target district manager, presents Sister Mary Patricia and Jean Vickers, St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher representatives, with the Target's Project Family grant.

Target donates \$5,000 to center

Target, opening an upscale discount store on the site of the old Grand River Drive-In, will contribute \$5,000 to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

Target's Project Family will finance the center's Teen Mother and Infant Parenting Program. Through this program, teen mothers continue their education and learn needed independent living skills. They also work to strengthen bonds with their children and learn positive parenting skills.

Program graduates will have completed their high school education and increase their parenting knowledge and skills.

These young women will also develop appropriate after-care plans for themselves and their children and learn to function in independent or semi-independent living situations.

The program serves mothers between 16 and 19 and their infants from across the tri-county area.

Target Stores' Project Family is an agency focusing on strengthening and enriching family structure by using preventive programs. The agency is designed to meet the needs of children, young adults and families in need.

Future funding to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center will be allocated after Target's review of

the Teen Mother and Infant Parenting Program.

TARGET, PLANNING a 105,000-square-foot store, will anchor the new 300,000-square-foot West River Centre, now under construction at Grand River and Nine Mile.

The company will commit \$350,000 over the next three years to non-profit organizations to support programs and services to families. Grants will help support family programs in each of the 13 metro Detroit communities with Target stores.

The 21 first-year grants were awarded Feb. 28 to organizations that provide family access to programs ranging from family enrichment and child and neighborhood programs and summer arts.

"Target is a store for families," said George Hite, Target vice president. "The welfare of the people and families who shop and work in our stores is extremely important to us. Strengthening family life by supporting non-profit organizations makes good sense for the entire community."

Minneapolis-based Target is the largest division of Dayton Hudson Corp. Corporate practice is to budget 5 percent of federally taxable income to support non-profit organizations.

School facility projects meet costs, schedules

Plans are advancing for a new elementary school as well as building and media center renovations at Farmington High.

Both projects are staying within set timelines and budgets, according to district architect Ron Aten.

Schematic plans for the new westside school will be presented to the school board on March 14, Aten said. Money for the \$7.3 million project was approved by voters in a Jan. 31 bond issue.

Superintendent Graham Lewis said administrators are studying statistics. A study committee will soon be

formed to begin formulating plans of who will attend the new school, on 11 Mile just east of Halsted. Aten expects groundbreaking to be set for May or June.

Work is progressing on the \$2.7 million Farmington High media center project and facade renovations, following a Jan. 30 groundbreaking ceremony.

Included in the project is a media center that will double in size; there also will be improvements to the building facade, parking area and sidewalks. Money for the project is being taken from the district's Capital Fund.



George Kurajian, mechanical engineer

Resident gets post in engineer society

Farmington Hills resident George Kurajian, professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was elected vice president, systems and design group, for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The 120,000-member society is composed of eight technical groups each with technical divisions. Kurajian is a past chairman of the Design Engineering Division — the society's largest.

Kurajian has been a member of the U-M-D faculty since 1964 and has served as chairman of the department of mechanical engineering for 13 years (1975-88). He returned to full-time teaching last July 1.

Kurajian's two-year term as A.S.M.E. vice president begins in July.

Seminar slated for parents of students in middle schools

Parent and teen communication will be the topic of a seminar being hosted for all Farmington-area middle school parents March 14.

Guest speaker Pat Hurley, known nationally for the "Humor with a Message" series, will speak on "How to Raise your Parents." His talk will cover:

- respecting each other's rights,
- the freedom to fail,
- applying consistent standards,
- dealing with peer pressure,
- modeling for excellence.

The seminar will be held at East Middle School, on Middlebelt north of 10 Mile, and will begin at 7 p.m. It is being sponsored by the Farmington Public Schools and the counseling departments.

Hurley, formerly of ABC's "Kids are People Too!", has appeared in more than 3,000 schools and has spoken to more than three-million parents and teens since 1970.

In 1982, he won an Emmy for a Los Angeles talk show and another was awarded in 1988 for a Chicago talk show.

Call East Middle School at 478-5220 for further information.

Death of patient ruled not criminal

No criminal negligence was found and charges won't be filed in the Feb. 26 death of a patient at Oak Hill Care Center in Farmington, public safety officials said.

The death of John F. McGraw, 37, was investigated by the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which turned its results over to the Oakland County prosecutor. According to deputy public safety director Gary Goss, "the prosecutor found no criminal negligence."

The Oakland County medical examiner determined the man died of choking, Goss said.

McGraw was taken to Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, Feb. 26 after an orderly found him without signs of life. That was shortly after McGraw had eaten lunch. A piece of meat was discovered in the man's trachea during lifesaving attempts, police said.

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