

Wish Lists

The needs are great for the people in the business of giving

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Gift giving: a fulfilling human endeavor that cultivates care and elicits good cheer.

What better way to impart a genuine sense of giving than during the holidays to a charity of choice — the multitude of area agencies, centers and services that provide help for the infants, children and teens, the men, women and elderly who have fallen on hard times and are in need.

Feed a family this holiday season or stuff a stocking chock full of shiny objects. Conduct a neighborhood food drive or gather miscellany for reuse by the unfortunate. Give of your labor and volunteer to help.

The choices are endless, the opportunities vast, the rewards immeasurable.

Listed here, are agencies and their wish lists of needs:

**BALDWIN AVENUE
HUMAN SERVICES CENTER**
212 Baldwin Avenue
P.O. Box 420700
Pontiac 48342

Provides food and shelter to families in need. Needed are paper products; linens, including sheets, blankets and towels; personal toiletries and hygiene items; clothing, including adult underwear, socks, hats and gloves; baby layettes and diapers; first aid kits; books and magazines. Volunteers are needed for office chores and drivers with trucks to haul donated furniture and move homeless families. Special need for volunteers in youth programs, including one-on-one, tutoring and role modeling.

CARE HOUSE

45 Franklin
Pontiac 48341
333-0999 or 332-7173
Home-life setting for professional interviewing of sexually abused children. Needs include glass and wood French doors, two-way mirror, security system, reception room furniture, children's furniture and meeting room table and chairs. Volunteers

teers or volunteer services needed to repair heating and cooling system, mow lawns and remove snow. Cash donations needed for new phone system and to buy handicapped sink, commode and bars.

COMMON GROUND

751 Hendrie
Royal Oak 48067
543-3050
24-hour crisis intervention agency. Needed are office supplies, including an electric stapler, pens and pencils, space heater, coffee and paper cups, plastic utensils and paper plates, TV and VCR. Also needed are volunteers willing to undergo 80 hours mandatory training to answer phones.

FARMINGTON AREA

GOODFELLOWS
33411 Grand River
Farmington 48335
474-3440

Coordinates emergency assistance with Farmington Neighborhood House and Senior Center. Needed immediately to fill holiday boxes are non-perishable food items, new clothing and toys, cash contributions. Volunteers needed to purchase goods and pack boxes. Needed year-around, donations of used clothing, toys and furniture, cash contributions and volunteers for office and clerical tasks.

FISH OF GREATER PONTIAC

3982 Highland Road
Pontiac 48054
334-5555

A volunteer organization providing services not otherwise available to families in crisis. Needs financial contributions for emergency purchases of food, clothing and other essentials.

FOOD BANK

OF OAKLAND COUNTY
Box 430636
Pontiac 48343

Collection and distribution center for food to area soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. Needed are volunteers to conduct food drives and cash contributions to buy sal-

vaged food at 14 cents a pound and pay transportation costs of 12 cents a pound for donated food.

FURNITURE RESOURCE CENTER

1730 North Perry
Pontiac 48340
373-7600

Provides used furniture and appliances for needy Oakland County families. Greatest needs are useable mattresses and springs, refrigerators, gas stoves and baby cribs. Accepts donations of all useable household furniture and appliances; pick up Wednesdays through Saturdays. Also needed are cash donations to buy cribs. Desperate need for volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays to coordinate furniture distribution.

HAVEN, INC.

P.O. Box 787

Pontiac 48343-787

334-1254

Serves victims of physical and sexual abuse. Needed are laundry detergent, bleach and household cleaning materials, including brooms and mops; new night clothing for all ages; diapers for all sizes except infants; all linens, especially washcloths; handheld vacuum cleaners; port-a-crisis; soap, shampoo, lotion and other toiletries; toys, especially soft Nerf, and healthy snack foods.

JUDSON CENTER

4410 West 13 Mile
Royal Oak 48073
549-4339

Provides temporary group housing, homes for the mentally handicapped and foster homes for children and adults, employment for the

handicapped and family counseling. Holiday needs include Christmas gifts for youth of all ages, including new donations of toys, personal items and clothing, and cash contributions to purchase Christmas gifts. Year-round needs include non-perishable food, clothing, TV sets, ping pong and pool tables, games for groups and cash contributions.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

27500 Shiawassee
Farmington Hills 48336
477-1153 or 478-4874

A consortium of social agencies and church groups coordinated by the Salvation Army of Farmington Hills. Adopt a family and provide a holiday dinner. Other needs include financial contributions and donations of non-perishable foods and frozen turkeys, clothing, diapers and new toys. Also needed are volunteers to ring bells for holiday Salvation Army kettles and clerical volunteers to answer phones and type year-round.

PONTIAC AREA LIGHTHOUSE

109 Williams
P.O. Box 430445
Pontiac 48343
335-2462

Provides emergency assistance in cooperation with area churches, other agencies and individuals. Needs include cash donations for security deposits and rents; housecleaning and home repair items for housing classes; baby formula, cloth diapers and clothing for infants; personal products, including soap, toothpaste and toilet paper; new or used sheets, blankets and towels; grocery certificates and adult seats for the elderly. Also needed are volunteers to raise funds, interview clients, work in the clothing closet and perform clerical chores. Donations also needed for new satellite facility. Lighthouse North, 5331 Mabec, Clarkson.

PONTIAC RESCUE MISSION

35 East Huron
P.O. Box 420420
Pontiac 48342
334-2187

Provides food, shelter, clothing, medical care and counseling for families and individuals. Needs include cash contributions; food donations, including fresh fruits and vegetables; clothing, including heavy coats, gloves and hats; linens and blankets for twin-sized beds and towels. Also needed are volunteers to clean house, prepare and serve food and mail a monthly newsletter.

SHELTERING ARMS

1658 East Lincoln
Birmingham 48009
646-1040

An adult day care center for the frail elderly. Needs include volunteers for a day of care at the facility. Also needed, video camcorders to record individual histories; simple craft projects of wood or ceramic greenware; Fiscar scissors; and personal care items of \$2 or less for use as bingo prizes.

**ST. VINCENT AND
SARAH FISHER CENTER**
27400 West 12 Mile
Farmington Hills 48018
636-7537

Provides foster care for neglected, abused and emotionally disturbed youth ages 4 to 14 years. Also provides services to young, single parents and their children. Needs include strollers, microwaves, pots and pans, bedding and towels, bedroom lamps, clock radios, hair dryers, curling irons, televisions, VCR movies and Nintendo tapes, small appliances, including toaster, blender and can opener, sports equipment, metal steds, ping pong table and other recreational items.

THE SANCTUARY

1222 South Washington
Royal Oak 48067
547-2260

Shelter for run-away youth ages 10 to 17 years. Specific needs: domestics, including window and furnace repair, carpet cleaning and cleaning supplies, including paper products and laundry detergent, linens, including sheets, shower curtain liners, large bath towels and washcloths and kitchen items, including new pots and pans, cookie sheets, dishcloths and towels, electric stove and freezer, office supplies, including paper, computer floppy disks, postage stamps, pens and posterboard; recreational items, including art and craft supplies, magazine subscriptions, encyclopedias, video tapes, VCR movies, stereo systems, tickets to area activities and frequent-flyer miles; foods, including ham, pork roasts and country ribs, cheeses, sugared cereal, boxed pizza and macaroni mix, canned corn, green beans, mushrooms, fruits, soups, pork and beans, chili and tomato sauce, stove top stuffing, taco shells and sauce, Bisquick, syrup and sugar, hygiene items, including rubbing alcohol, peroxide, band aids, cough syrup, liquid soap, disposable razors, deodorant and shampoo.

UNITED COMMUNITY SERVICES

OAKLAND DIVISION
29508 Southfield, Suite 202
Southfield 48076
562-4208

Research and assessment organization that maintains a referral directory of area social service agencies, groups and programs. Needs office and clerical volunteers.

WOMEN'S SURVIVAL CENTER

167 West Pike
Pontiac 48053
335-2685

Supports women in crisis. Needed are volunteers, including board members; cash contributions to fund day care scholarships for teen mothers and to renovate teen home; vehicle for transportation, furniture, mini-blinds, storage units, floor covering, cabinets, VCR, microwave and educational toys, including sports and gym equipment for youth.



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In the museum

Quakerstown Quester Pat Semerjian sets up an antique table and chair among the holiday decorations in Farmington Historical Museum. The set belonged to her father, Marion Dougherty, a long-time resident of Farmington. The museum, on Grand River west of Farmington Road, is open 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays through December.

4H re-elects Hills man

Alan Stuart of Farmington Hills, was re-elected to a second term on the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees at the foundation's annual meeting. He is president of Stuart Communications Group.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports statewide 4-H programming through the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service and Michigan's 83 counties. The foundation uses funds solicited from individuals and organizations to support critical needs in youth development and to train volunteer 4-H leaders throughout Michigan.

As a trustee, Stuart will help implement the foundation's new comprehensive five-year action plan.

This plan includes commitments by board members to enhance 4-H programming that creates new methods of serving youths and families while maintaining the effectiveness of proven educational methods; acquire \$4.6 million in cash investments to support these programs, including long-term, grass-roots financial support from 4-H alumni, volunteers, families and employees; and continue to strengthen public awareness of today's Michigan 4-H programs.

Michigan 4-H youth programs serves more than 200,000 Michigan young people annually through the services of 27,000 volunteer 4-H leaders.

Local actress appears at Bonstelle Theatre

Jeannette Barbrick, daughter of Joan and Paul Lorenz of Farmington, will appear in the Bonstelle Theatre production of "Alice in Wonderland" as a heart and an Oyster. The classic Lewis Carroll fantasy will run at the Bonstelle Friday-Sunday, Dec. 14-16.

Barbrick, a graduate of Farmington High School, is a sophomore at

Wayne State University majoring in theater. She works as a model, and has appeared as Martha in "A Christmas Carol," and Cha-Cha in "Grease" at Farmington High School. She has also appeared as Annette in the Redford Theatre Guild's production of "Steel Magnolias."

THE BONSTELLE production of

"Alice in Wonderland" will be directed by guest artist Vincent P. Scott, former Hilberry company member and a WSU graduate.

Scott returns to Detroit from Philadelphia, where he just completed directing a production of "The Arkansas Bear," a children's play, for the Delaware Valley College. In 1988, Scott co-directed "Nicholas

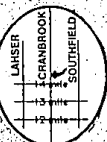
Nickleby" with Anthony Schmitt and James Baird, for which they were named Directors of the Year by the Detroit Free Press.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and \$4 for children under 12. Special group rates are available from the WSU theater box office at 577-2960.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association's

Christmas Pottery Sale

Thursday, December 13th
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