Community service

Celebrity servers raise money for families

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Some of Farmington's and
Farmington Hille' movers and
shakers literally are serving up
community service on a pintter.

Mayors, principals, elected
officials and others are scheduled to participate in the Farmington Farmilies in Action-sponsored "Celebrity Server Night."

The fifth annual event will be 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the
Farmington Big Boy, 20788
Farmington Road.

"Anyone can come in, "sais
spokeswoman Connic Carroll. a
counselor at Dunckel Middle
School. "People like having the
mayor, or school beard - or Miss
Farmington - serve then. Local
celebrities."

Carroll said lost year's event

Soronen of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

"The response has been overwhelming, Judging from the number of invitations I sent out and the responses I got back," Carroll said. "People are enjoying being a part of this."

The ovent is one of many scheduled during "Sober October - Strengthening Community Connections," all to benefit programs organized by Farmington Families in Action.

From 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Mort Crim, former WDIV news anchor, will be the keynote speaker at Sober October's Kick-Off Breakfast, at Glen Oaks.

Other events and endeavors this month include: a window display put up Saturday at the Korner Barber Shop, Grand

Steinkopf Nursery's tulip plant-ing, begin-ning Mon-day, Oct. 5; and the dis-tribution of red ribbons, which Car-rell said belo

remind peo-ple about the need for drug and alcohol aware-

ness education.



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The Farmington Big Boy is on Farmington Road, just north of Eight Mile. For information, call (248) 477-2590.





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er.
The Keils were issued a three-month license Friday in federal district court in Chicage allowing them to call the remaining stock of their inventory.
"We're happy that they're at least doing this," said Ellen Keils, who dreamed up the idea for the game which deals with shoppers searching for particular Beanies as they wind their way around a game board and encounter various perila.

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The Keils' own peril came shortly after they produced the game last July and began marketing it in local stores and over the Internet. Ty Inc., the Chicago-based toy company that created the popular beanio toys in 1993, issued a four-count copyright infringement law-suit against the couple in August.

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The Kolls invested \$80,000 in life asvings to create and market the game, which retails for \$24.95. They are allowed to recoupthoir loss, but not profit from the game.
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drawn game board, Keils hired Farmington Hills graphic artist Melop DiGiglio to draft the finished version. It took close to a year for the game to develop from the idea stage to the finished product.

"I fell in love with the product and thought I was promoting it," Keils said at the time the game was first marketed.

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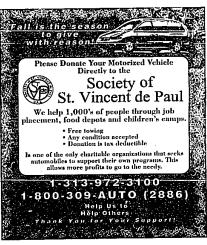
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"We can't tell you how happy we are to have this dispute' settled. We're thrilled. And there's no hard' feelings," Keils said.

The game is available at Deb's Crafts in the Village Mall in downtown Farmington, Robin's Nest in Plymouth, and Gags & Gifts at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake.

The three-menth license will take the Keils to Christmas day. The game is slated "for players ages 7 to adult." Keils says she has three

Keils says she has three new board game ideas plans to pursue once the Beanie Chase matter is set-









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