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to their children. Joe Friday, an Ojibway Indian, provided valuable input into the program. He believed fathers, as well as boys, had strong interest in the traditions and ways of the American Indian.

According to the Y manual, the idea was conceived of a "father-and-son program based upon the strong qualities of American Indian culture and life—dignity, patience, endurance, spirituality, harmony with nature and concern for family. Thus the first Y-

Indian Guide program was born more than half a century ago. The mother-daughter program began in South Bend, Ind. in 1951 and the other two variations developed later.

Indian heritage stressed

The Y Indian Guide programs provide parent-child teams and families with insight into the significant contributions Native American people have made to our nation's history and heritage. The program acknowl-

edges "the teaching of values, attitudes, fitness and health, knowledge and ethics to children is an integral part of the Indian way of life."

Native Americans have always prioritized things of the spirit and shunned materialism. They have demonstrated great respect for the earth. All parents and children can recognize the value of conserving resources and eliminating waste.

According to Kevin Bush, executive director of the Farmington Y, "The Indian Guide program is a hidden treasure. It's one of the best programs around because it's led by volunteers. They know what kids want; they design all the activities."

This leadership composed of volunteers is one major distinction between the Boy or Girl Scouts, where the programs are leader-led.

"It strengthens the bond between parent and child, it puts you face-to-face with your child allowing true quality time to appreciate each other. It also helps the parent to know his or her child better. For instance, the three-hour drive to the camp-out provides the perfect opportunity to have fun, to talk and learn what's important to your child," Bush said.

Shared values

Children who participate gain confidence by "feeling supported in a quasi-family. Shared values are often seen in tribes that form." Bush said the program has the potential to turn at-risk

children around and agrees the program would be advantageous to children from divorced families as well.

If you subscribe to the "it takes a village to raise a child" philosophy, as Bush does, he believes that Native Americans are particularly proficient in this regard.

"Recognizing today people don't even know their backyard neighbors, the program brings this back in a time-honored way."

Tim Vorce, this year's Federation Chief, is a father of four, who has been involved with the program with each of his children. He's currently in the Indian Princess program with Amanda, 10. Daughter Emily, 16, now a Trailblazer, says "White water rafting in Pennsylvania was the best part of the whole thing."

Vorce says there are three campouts per year—spring, fall and winter—held in heated cabins with beds and a staff on hand to cook. Swimming, fishing, canoeing, hay rides and horseback riding might be part of the trip depending on the season. Evening highlights include campfires, communion and entertainment. Vorce says on one occasion authentic Native Americans joined the festivities.

Vorce's eldest daughter, Jenny, 18, now in college, relates a lifelong advantage of the program: "It teaches you social skills. You get to know people better."

Recruitment begins in mid-



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Feather talk: During the feather ceremony, a dad listens intently while his daughter speaks. According to the rules, only the holder of the feather is allowed to speak.

September, but anyone can join while a session is running. It costs approximately \$50 to join.

For more information or to join the Y-Indian Guide program, call 553-1997.

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Prospective clients must live alone and be able to receive telephone calls 9-10 a.m. Monday to Friday. Calls are made by volunteers for the purpose of providing daily phone contacts for the homebound. Call 473-1830 for more information.

CLARIFICATION

Linda Booth, of the Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services Inc. of Farmington Hills, is not affiliated in any way with Linda Booth, a pseudonym used last Thursday in the Community Life "Chat Room" column about National Depression Screening Day.

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of a grand piano to the Farmington Hills Community Library, since there was no public auditorium in our community with a fine piano.

The musicale invites the public to attend its monthly meetings, performs for various community outreach events, and hosts the National Music Week the first full week of May with free shopping mall performances at places like Livonia, Tel-Twelve and Somerset malls. This year we are also undertaking an additional responsibility with the Longacre House of co-hosting the dinner/auction/fundraiser for Longacre's new grand piano.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, Sweetest Day, a "Grand Night for Music" at the Longacre House will start at 6 p.m. with wine and hors d'oeuvres during a silent auction, followed by a sit-down dinner. Live piano music throughout the evening and a mini concert to cap the festivities will premiere the Kawai concert grand piano from Hammell Music. Tickets are \$45 each available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information call 474-8404, 661-0707, or 349-0490.

As a member of Musicale, I am coordinator of the event with Trista Johnson, program director at Longacre. A mini concert to showcase the piano will feature Christian Rakoczy, soloist; Alki Zachary and Joanne Kramer with a tribute to George Gershwin; and scholarship winners Stephanie and John Muller on piano and violin.

If you're unable to attend and wish to bid on an item, you may purchase a program book for \$3 prior to the event. You can make a tax deductible contribution to the Longacre-Musicale Piano Fund, take out an advertisement in the program book, or donate an item to the auction. We are in need of volunteers to help that evening.

In the years since Musicale donated money to begin a piano fund for Longacre, prices kept escalating. Meanwhile Musicale wanted to present a program featuring our musical families in the ambiance of Longacre House.

Tim Hoy, owner and president of Hammell Music, worked out a plan so that the piano could be acquired with a down payment and balance paid later. This plan gives us the opportunity to use this outstanding instrument to help raise funds for its acquisition.

Members of Musicale are thrilled with its excellence and are happy to come back to the Longacre House for several of our monthly programs this season. Our Oct. 2 meeting and program will be held at the Longacre House at 12:30 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend and remain after for refreshments and tea.

May Arvo has been a member of Farmington Musicale since 1982, has been responsible for many fundraisers, served on various committees and is a former president of the organization.

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