

CHAT ROOM**Pat Atchinson**

On Saturday, you can Make A Difference

While Make A Difference Day Saturday, Oct. 24, is a day of national volunteerism, Mercy High School students in Farmington Hills have made volunteering a way of life.

They have participated in this event, started in 1992 by USA Weekend magazine and The Points of Light Foundation, for seven years. Last year, Make A Difference Day projects involved more than 1.3 million Americans in service to their communities.

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Statewide endeavor

The Michigan Community Service Commission, the Volunteer Centers of Michigan, Michigan Campus Compact and the Council of Michigan Foundations are working to encourage people of all ages to participate in this day of service.

Across the state, there are more than 200 Make A Difference Day projects planned involving more than 34,500 citizens in service to their communities.

Make A Difference Day is greeted with much student enthusiasm at Mercy. Outside of the Mercy community, many students will be celebrating volunteerism with their youth groups, church-sponsored events and community activities.

Around town

In Farmington, the Miss Farmington/Oakland County Scholarship program is hosting a project involving 32 volunteers who will collect and recycle pop and juice can flip top lids. The money the recycling project generates will be donated to Children's Hospital in Detroit to keep the dialysis machines working for young children who are awaiting a transplant.

In the Farmington Town Center, Farmington resident and former All-State distance runner Dave Clinard will run a 24 hour Marathon of Hope to raise money for child amputees in Africa. The run will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday and end 5 p.m. Sunday. Runners joining Dave for a stretch of time will use a sign-up sheet method to raise funds. The proceeds will be channeled to a prosthesis center in Harare, Zimbabwe, to fit children, mostly land mine victims, with artificial limbs.

Dave Williams, a Farmington businessman, is spearheading that effort. Borders Books and Music in Farmington Hills and Novi are among the eight metro area Borders stores which this weekend will host a fund-raiser for the Adeli Suit Fund.

In recognition of Make A Difference Day, from Oct. 23-25, 15 percent of all sales from customers using a coupon available at the checkout counter at Borders will be donated to the Adeli Suit fund.

The fund is a nonprofit organization that helps children afflicted with cerebral palsy travel to Poland, where they participate in an intensive month-long therapy program at the Euromed Clinic. Euromed is the only clinic that offers treatment using the Adeli Suit, the suit modified from one used by Russian cosmonauts to prevent the atrophy of muscles in the weightlessness of space. It has produced extraordinary results.

Make A Difference Day helps young people focus on the needs of others in a collective way. It serves as a reminder that volunteer work is necessary, good and can be lots of fun.

Pat Atchinson is service learning coordinator at Mercy. For details on other events occurring Saturday, call (617) 335-4295.

St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center Shutterbug Junebug offers art to auction benefit

■ **Photographer Junebug Clark is one of seven artists whose work will be offered in a live auction Nov. 7.**



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Renowned photographer Junebug Clark is donating one of his prints to the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center ArtShare auction Nov. 7, but his earliest memory of the center for abused and neglected children is traumatic.

As a 12-year-old living in Hamtramck, Junebug would often ride his bicycle to the house his parents bought near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads after school with a pal.

His parents planned to move there after he finished the eighth grade in Hamtramck.

As darkness descended one evening, he recalls losing his sense of direction, pedaling furiously along 12 Mile when the handlebars came off his bicycle, pitching him barekinned into the gravel road in front of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center at 12 Mile and Inkster.

"The place looked so dark and mysterious to me," he recalled, chuckling at the memory. A passing motorist came to his aid, driving Clark, his buddy, and their bicycles home. But he never forgot that odd feeling about Sarah Fisher.

"Even though I've lived in Farmington for many years, I never been there until I was asked to do the art auction," he said.

After touring the cottages on the spacious grounds, Clark has come away with a new impression.

"It's a bright and wonderful place,"



Photo shoot: Junebug Clark takes pictures last Saturday afternoon at the Farmington High School Homecoming football game. His daughter, Anna, is a senior there.

he said. Clark is one of seven artists invited to display their work and participate in a live auction in the Atrium of the

Standard Federal Building in Troy at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. More than 100 Michigan artists, including student art from Detroit Public Schools

and Pewabic Pottery, will return to feature their art in a silent auction. Proceeds raised from ArtShare, presented by the Ford Motor Company, will benefit St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher's programs for abused children and families in crisis.

Tickets to the black-tie optional seventh annual ArtShare are \$50 apiece. The second largest fund-raiser of the year for the center, it will feature wine compliments of the Outback Steakhouse of West Bloomfield, hors d'oeuvres and desserts as well as the music of Alexander Zonje & Friends. Celebrity masters of ceremony will be WJBK-FOX26 newsmen Huei Perkins and Sandy Kovach, of Smooth Jazz V98.7FM.

Window of Hope

The print Clark is donating to the auction is called "Window of Hope." Taken in Detroit in 1972, it features the faces of two young children peering out of a window partially covered by a torn screen. A copy of the print is part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Photography in New York.

Trained as a photojournalist, Clark shoots pictures that tell a story, specializing in "real people doing real things." The son of Farmington's first Artist In Residence, the late photographer Joe Clark, Junebug got his first camera at age 3. At 5, he was hired by the now defunct Detroit Times newspaper where he snapped photos for nine months before child labor laws led to his firing.

He attended college at the Rochester Institute in New York, and spent a year at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. Clark has been averaging assignments in more than 30 states yearly since 1971. Long-term clients include Jack Daniel's Distillery, Federal Mogul Corporation, Eli Lilly and

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ArtShare '98 showcases various media

ArtShare '98 showcases the work of seven Michigan artists who work in many media. Their art will be auctioned Nov. 7 to benefit the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center of Farmington Hills.

In addition to photographer Junebug Clark, they include the following artists.

Carole Harris: African American quilt designer of Detroit, she is ArtShare '98's Featured Artist. She is known for her quilts, scarves, pillows and tapestries. Her work has been featured in national exhibitions and is in public and private collections across the country. Harris is president of SV/Harris Design Group, an interior design firm, and has 30 years experience in signage, graphics and interior design.

Robert Dempster: Artist, designer and musician, this Birmingham native is known for his tiles and paintings, which can be found in collections worldwide. Dempster designed logos for WNIC, WJZZ and

other companies and charities. He founded Art Wear T-shirts and Speedy Tee's in Birmingham. Dempster recently wrote, performed and produced a CD of contemporary adult jazz music and is producing singles "Nine Little Children" and "The Magic of You" to raise money to fight child abuse and neglect.

David Ellison: A tilemaker of St. Clair Shores, he studied pottery at MSU's Pewabic Pottery and worked at Pewabic for six years, managing the production of projects including the People Mover. Ellison works in his studio and teaches at Pewabic part time. His tiles have been featured in Michigan fairs and in design centers and show rooms internationally including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Vancouver and Toronto. Ellison's commissions include a fireplace for actor Richard Dreyfuss, handmade tiles for commercial uses in Brazil and Australia, and large planters for the Cranbrook Gardens and Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

Caroline Fuerst: A jewelry maker from Lathrup Village, she is known for her whimsical, often nostalgic jewelry. She creates pieces of pearls, beads and bits of bric-a-brac. Whether a combination of Murano glass beads or a romantic crystal choker, her work provides the perfect finishing touch to any ensemble. Second to her love of art, she can be found in law firms across the state taking depositions as a court reporter.

Henry Heading: A Lathrup Village painter and wood sculptor, he was a student of the Center for Creative Studies in the 1970s. Using mixed media such as oils and acrylics and pencils and pastels, Heading creates powerful lifelike images in wood. He is a member of the National Conference of Artists, and his work has been featured in exhibits including the Black History Month Exhibition at Hudson's, a one-man show at the NCA Gallery, Miller's Art Gallery in Ferndale.

Angela Hospice fund-raiser gets makeover



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At age 11, the Angela Hospice "Light Up a Life" benefit is getting a makeover.

The strolling supper and entertainment will still be a part of the benefit, but the fashions that were the highlight of as many as three fashion shows during the evening will be left on the racks of Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store. Instead, participants will be invited to make their highest bid at silent and live auctions during the 2 1/2-hour affair.

"We've been at Jacobson's for nine years; we got the feeling to do something different and Jacobson's got the same feeling," said "Light Up a Life" co-chair Carolyn DiComo. "They suggested we do something else and make more money for Angela Hospice."

"So this year, it's going to be bigger and better, hotter and bigger."

Presented by the Italian American Club of Livonia and Jacobson's, "Light Up a Life" will be 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Laurel Park Place store, Newburgh and Six Mile, Livonia.

Tickets cost \$40 each, while tickets which include the VIP celebrity and champagne reception at 5:30 p.m. cost \$75 each. They're available at Jacobson's and Angela Hospice and by mail from Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia 48154. For more information, call Angela Hospice at (734) 464-7810.

Proceeds from the benefit will go toward Angela Hospice's Samaritan program. A big point with director Si-

ter Mary Giovanni, the program takes care of children and adults who cannot afford hospice care.

Festivities will get under way at 6:50 p.m. with the "Star Spangled Banner," sung by Karen Newman, who sings the national anthem at Detroit Red Wings home games.

The live auction starts at 7:10 p.m., with Steve King serving as auctioneer. The silent auction will run through 8:15 p.m. to give people a chance to check out, DiComo said.

Helping King at the live auction will be the celebrity guests - Cheryl Chodin, Carolyn Clifford, Mary Conway, Joanne Purton and Mike Halford of WXYZ-TV, Tracy Gary of WWJ-AM Radio, Paul Gross and Lila Lazarus of WDIV-TV, Jimmy Launce of WYUR Radio, David Scott and Kristin Smith of WKBD-TV 50 and Rachel Nevada of WJR-AM.

What's your bid?

Auction items include one-week leases of a Jaguar, Saturn and Honda, an autographed Chris Osgood hockey stick, a collection of eight Hudson's Santa Bears (1999-1996), a California package that includes two passes to watch "Suddenly Susan" and "Caroline in the City" shows and go backstage to meet Brooke Shields and Lea Thompson, and a Princess Di package that includes the Harrod Department Store Christmas bear, the English CD of Elton John's revised "Candle in the Wind," a British pictorial magazine about Diana, a copy of "Diana: Her True Story" and a collector's thimble

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What's your bid? Ann King, live auction chair (right); chair of the silent auction, Julie Ripple, and event co-chairs Carolyn DiComo and Georgia Scappaticci show off a few of the items to be auctioned Nov. 8