

Mercy senior earns Gold Award

The fact that Jennifer Ohman of Farmington Hills has been a Girl Scout for 11 years is remarkable enough. But even more notable is that the 17-year old senior at Mercy High School received the Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, last May.

To earn the award, Ohman conceived of and carried out a project that involved and benefited her community: making Easter baskets for hospitalized and

underprivileged children. "To see the joy children would get from this project is reason enough to undertake it," she wrote in her project application.

Ohman enlisted the help of the students, teachers and other Girl Scouts at her previous school, Farmington's Our Lady of Sorrows Middle School, as well as St. Colette's Youth Group of Livonia, of which she is a member, and her friends. She sought donations of items such as books and school supplies as well as help in assembling 30 baskets. She also solicited and received donations from Meijer's and Rite Aid. And, as an extra touch, she handmade small stuffed bunnies to accompany each basket.

It was really nice how she went out to play with the girls herself and personalize the baskets," said Karen Guerrero, office manager of the Farmington Hills Salvation Army, which received 24 of Ohman's baskets. "They were really cute. The parents who took them home to hide on Easter morning delighted."

Also happy was a young patient who had to spend the Easter holiday at Botsford Gen-

eral Hospital. "There was a little boy in traction with a broken femur," recalled nurse Sue Mayne. "She stayed for a good hour to play with him."

"He was so excited," said Ohman, the daughter of Nancy and Donald Ohman. "We played with these little paratrooper toys. He'd throw it off the bed to see it float to the floor. He kept playing and playing."

"It was really, really great what she did for the kids," Mayne said. "You could tell she put in so much time. She even sent us a thank you note. She really appreciated us - and we really appreciate her."

Previously Ohman received Girl Scouting's Silver Award, for helping to plan a leader appreciation dinner, and she has served as a Council Delegate, Outdoor

Aide and Leader in Training. She also is a member of the Mercy High Pastoral Team, the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and the Young Adult Advisory Board of the Farmington Hills Library.

Ohman, who will receive a \$1,000 scholarship with the award as well as letters of commendation from Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, her local congressmen and the White House, plans to study physical therapy in college.

At that point she will no longer be a Girl Scout, but she said she might volunteer to become a leader for a younger troop. Such a decision would not surprise anyone who knows her. Said her leader, Joyce Fellows of Farmington Hills: "She is definitely a Girl Scout, through and through."



Jennifer Ohman



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Picture perfect: Junebug Clark reviews some of his prints, including "Window of Hope" (in foreground) that will be offered in a live auction to benefit the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center of Farmington Hills on Saturday, Nov. 7, during ArtShare '98.

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commemorating Prince William's birth.

"We're so fortunate to have that," said DiCorno of the Di package.

Bids also will be taken on two nights for two at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, two complete sets of Teenie Bunnies Babies, a Tim Allen-autographed tool belt and hammer, autographed Detroit Red Wing jerseys, the Chrome shovel and hard hat from the groundbreaking for the new sports stadiums in Detroit and a collection of sports memorabilia, including an autograph baseball and photographs and baseball cards donated by Mary Moore, a member of the All-America Girls' Professional Baseball League.

In addition to the auctions, there also will be a raffle with a four-day/three-night trip for two to Las Vegas, \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate, Princess Di Beanie Baby and 13-inch color TV as prizes.

"It's exciting," said DiCorno of the donations. "It's like Christmas everyday here (at Angela Hospice). I walk through and show everything off."

Gourmet feast

In between bidding, benefitgoers can dine on food provided by 31 metro Detroit area restaurants and businesses. News to the list are Andiamo's West of

Bloomfield Hills, Giovanni's of Detroit and Szegedi's of Dearborn Heights.

Also participating in the strolling supper are Allie's American Grill at the Marriott, Charley's Deli & Grill, Chimeno's, Confectionately Yours, Copper Creek, DePalma's, Great Harvest Bread Co., Italian American Club, Joe's Produce, Macaroni Grill, Mary Denning's Cake Shop, McDonald's, Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Mountain Jack's, Old Mexico, Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market, Rocky's, Santino's, Schaefer's College, Star Clipper Dinner train, Sur-Ell Catering, Garden City Knights of Columbus, The Pool Restaurant at the Henry Ford Estate, Uptown Cafe, Vic's Cafe and Villa de Roma.

Keyboardist Dave Bevington, caricaturist Chuck Borshannian and harpist Christa Grix also will be providing holiday music and entertainment.

DiCorno and co-chair Georgia Scappaticci hope to attract 900 participants and raise \$100,000 for Angela Hospice at this year's event. DiCorno is optimistic, considering the event drew 850 people and raised \$90,000 last year.

"We'll have food all evening, so you can shop until you drop, eat until you drop," said DiCorno. "You can't go away hungry."

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Co., Budweiser, Time, Life, Newsweek and National Geographic.

One of his father's prints, "Baptism in Old Town Creek, Tennessee," (1939) is hung in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. The works of father, who died in 1989, and son are documented in a book, "Up the Hollow from Lynchburg" published by McGraw-Hill. Clark is assembling another

publication of his works to coincide with his 60th birthday next year.

Among the prints in his basement workshop are photos of a young Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, Henry Ford II and former UAW President Doug Fraser.

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