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Making a difference: Danielle Patterson hopes to raise money for her trip to Vietnam.

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bit where people need it," she said. "You can learn from the world around you and have a more enriching experience than sitting in a classroom for a day."

The nonprofit, non-denominational organization has organized volunteer programs since 1987. This year, more than 600 students in 60 programs with IICD are working in development projects in Zambia, Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe and Nicaragua and traveling in Central and South America, the Caribbean, North Africa and Europe. Depending on the situation, volunteers are asked to do anything from work to improve sanitary conditions to teach better techniques for growing food.

Volunteers interested in joining the group attend a weekend session at one of three regional U.S. schools. One is in Dowagiac. They want to make sure people are really dedicated," Patterson explained. Those who stick with the program pay \$2,000 tuition for room and board and volunteer training.

"When you go for the preparation period you live there two and a half months to seven months. They really put an emphasis on personal educa-

tion," Patterson said. "You learn the language, you learn the culture." The IICD pays travel expenses to the volunteer site.

What do Patterson's friends think of her impending volunteer work? "They think that this is an amazing thing. It's what I've been dreaming about. I don't want to work 9 to 5, I want to have an amazing life. It will be a really awesome experience."

Volunteers are also asked to raise \$2,500 each to help pay travel and other expenses, by seeking donations.

"I have not had much fundraising experience," Patterson said. "Anyone who has been through the program will tell you it's frustrating." The group shuns corporate donations.

"They don't want to end up being an advertisement," she said.

Patterson encourages interested donors to call her at (248) 478-5650, or write 22815 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

Patterson said her group will tour Vietnam before it's determined where they will work. The Institute encourages returning volunteers to speak to groups about the experience.

Hills woman, 94, badly burned in apartment fire

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A 94-year-old woman was critically burned Wednesday morning, in a fire at her Detroit Baptist Manor apartment.

According to Farmington Hills Deputy Fire Chief Peter Baldwin, the woman was confined to a wheelchair. She had apparently been cooking something on the stove when the fire occurred, although authorities haven't yet determined an exact cause.

Baldwin said fire suppression

sprinklers in the apartment doused the flames.

The woman was taken to Botsford Hospital by EMS and fire personnel. She was stabilized there, then transported by helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital's burn center, Baldwin said.

Fire and rescue trucks from three stations responded to the fire. Detroit Baptist Manor is located on 13 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Henderson appointed

Pamela S. Henderson was recently appointed chief marketing officer of Care Choices in Farmington Hills.

In this new role, Henderson is responsible for providing strategic and executive leadership to the Care Choices marketing and sales functions.

Prior to joining Care Choices, Henderson was principal of the Henderson Group, where she provided marketing and strategic planning services to managed care organizations throughout southeast Michigan.

Henderson is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. She has received Renaissance awards of excellence for employer and member communications and special recognition from the National Committee for

Quality Assurance. She has also received a Silver Quill for Community and Government public relations programming along with a Gold Trophy Award in healthcare advertising.

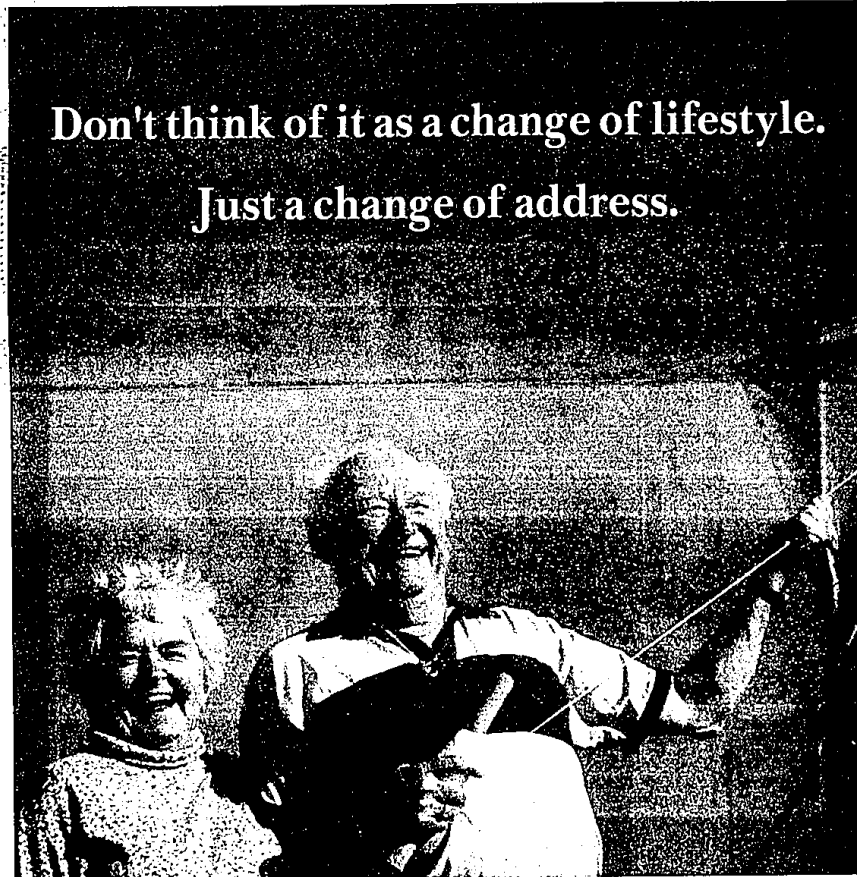
Hermanoff promotions

The following promotions and additions have been made to the staff at Hermanoff & Associates, a full-service public relations firm in Farmington Hills:

■ Alex Grossberg has joined the staff to assist on the agency's technical and consumer accounts.

■ Tiffany Devon was promoted to executive vice president and will oversee a number of accounts from the consumer, goods and nonprofit sectors.

■ Susan Nemes was appointed account supervisor and will work with long-standing agency clients.



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