

# Persons sought to help needy

The Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) Volunteer program is recruiting men and women, ages 17 to 70.

They are needed to help needy Jewish residents throughout metropolitan Detroit. Volunteers reach out to nursing home residents, handicapped and homebound individuals, and Russian immigrants with friendship and practical assistance.

A warm smile, a willingness to help people in need and a few available hours are the only qualifications," says Fayga Dombey, JFCS volunteer coordinator and social worker.

The program currently has 146 volunteers.

Their assignments include driving senior citizens and immigrants to medical and therapeutic appointments, helping Russian families resettle, translating and teaching English to newcomers, shopping for the elderly or handicapped and developing a "friendly visitor" relationship with a house-bound individual.

Hours are flexible and determined by personal availability.

Volunteers work days, unless otherwise arranged.

"Transportation is helpful, but not required.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. Dombey, volunteer assignments can be found for anyone willing to donate time.

A volunteer Institute is held annually to acquaint volunteers with agency procedure and to discuss various aspects of volunteer service.

Another annual event is the awards luncheon.

All volunteers may attend special recognition.

"The awards luncheon is our way of saying thanks," Mrs. Dombey said.

Volunteer's efforts are acknowledged individually.

"Everyone is a winner," she said. THE JFCS program have proven a success for clients and volunteers. Often, by helping a client, a volunteer is able to help himself.

"I'm no longer preoccupied with my own problems," said a volunteer driver. "By helping others overcome their problems, I've helped myself."

A young mother who devotes one day a week to help a Russian family says: "I volunteered because these people needed a friend,

some one to help them settle," she said.

Their gratitude is immensely fulfilling."

Men are encouraged to participate, too.

One male volunteer who provides transportation to handicapped seniors said: "What's driving me is to do good in God's world. I've raised my family and I'm retired. Now, I want to help less fortunate seniors better their lives."

There are Jews throughout the metropolitan area who are lonely and live in shabby condition," said Mrs. Dombey.

"They ask for help, but too often we can only give limited assistance," she said.

If you have time and would like to donate your services, contact Mrs. Dombey at the Jewish Family and Children's Service at 341-5959.

## Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs in Oakland County is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau.

Inquiries regarding volunteer needs listed here should be made to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau at 642-7272. Requests for volunteer listings should also be made through the Volunteer Bureau.

Volunteer Opportunities Day: More than 60 agencies will provide information on their volunteer opportunities from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 at Covington Junior High School, Quarton Rd., Birmingham. Mrs. Lenore Romney will be guest speaker.

School for the Mentally Retarded: Cloverdale School for the Mentally Retarded, 33000 Freedom Rd., Farmington, needs volunteers to assist with feeding and in the classroom. Feeding hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., school hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Madison Community Hospital: The hospital at 30671 Stephenson Highway, Madison Heights, needs adult volunteers for a half day per week between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jobs would include issuing visitors passes, visiting patients, handling juice cart, clerical work, or working in the central supply room.

Senagers are also needed for the Andy Striper program. Orientation and training are provided.

APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH: a two semester course is being offered to teach basic research and program evaluation, skills to volunteers in community agencies and organizations.

The course will be taught in Birmingham by a University of Michigan School of Social Work faculty member. It will meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and can be taken for college credit. No special educational background is required. Enrollment is still open.

### AAUW plans annual event

The Rochester Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual membership meeting Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be in the Great Oaks Community Building on Oakwood Drive. Current members, as well as women holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university wishing to become members, may attend.

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