Space now available

Fun has purpose at TimRoNanGo center

By VIVIAN SCHWARTZ
Five-year-old Hank held out
silm fingers for the picks,
strummed on the banjo, grinned
and looked for approval from John
Enslein, an Antioch College student on a work-atudy program at
TimRoNanGo Children's Center.
Hank is one of 11 students at
TimRoNanGo, a year-round center
for children age 3 to 18 who, because of perceptual, emotional and
social factors, do not fit into public
school programs.

Take Along

Timothy, Roberta, Nancy and Gordon — the center now has staff and space for an additional six The center's main location is a three-room wing of Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward and Pine, Bloomfield Hills, Space is a long trented from the Congregational Church of Birmingham, Woodward and Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, and the North Hills Christian Reformed Church on Adams Road, Troy.

TimRoNanGo, now in its seventh and the sacrost transparent control of the seventh control of the seventh control of the seventh control of the sacrost control o

enth year, accepts children from the Wayne-Oakland County areas.

"BEED MONEY" of \$1,000 for the center was originally granted by the Public Welfare Foundation in Washington, D.C. The Junior League of Birmingham also contributed funds.

Trition is funded by the Jaycees, Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children and Wayne County Mental Health Association. The difference between the £2,100 tuition and the \$3,500 actual cost per child comes from board of directors' annual giving, women's auxiliary activities and foundations.

"All the children are different so we have a large staff and try to meet the needs of each child," said Elsie F. Archer, director of the tenter, said. 'Health lies in the relationship between the staff person and the child."

Consulting psychiatrist Dr. Joseph Fischhoff of Children's Hospital of Michigan, is in charge of evaluations, admissions and consultations for the center.

At the North Hills Christian Reformed Church, where small group and individual tutoring is conducing from a digrarm in a perceptual training exercise with tutor Evelyn Murphy.

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"Kim was expelled from public school for being aggressive. Here she is safe; she can cope and grow."
In an atmosphere closely resembling a nursery school, the older students are taught individually and in groups at the Congregational Church. All the children in that group have been diagnosed as autistic or having autistic tendencies.

and Tom have is essential to getting the child to work," Mrs. Shucard emphasized. "All the children have one major person to work with. At first Brian could not sit for more than 30 seconds, he has now been sitting for 40 minutes. The difference in him is astounding."

Graduate and undergraduate students from Wayne State Uni-versity, Oakland University and Antioch College work at the center for practical experience under su-pervision.

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"Even though a relationship has been built, it doesn't seem to matter to the child when the student-teacher leaves, along as the environment stays the same," the director said.

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In A GROUP exercise, two that group have been diagnosed as autistic or having autistic tenderices.

"All of these children are deficient in language so there is a heavy emphasis on language development, which requires much individual help," said staff members harron Shucard.

Brian, 8, likes stringing beads but in order to get them from staff member Tom Faulkner, he must repeat certain sounds, In his manner, Brian has grown from a repersiore of four to 30 sounds in a few months.

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Then standing, holding hands, running around the circle at the

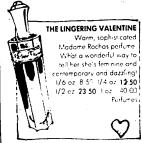
command "go!" braking at "stop!"
and creeping along at "sloo-ow,"
the children laugh, giggle, enjoying the game, the activity.
All that fun had a purpose:

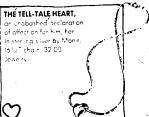
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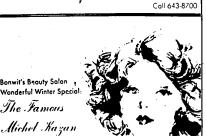




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