

Telephone volunteers check with elderly

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The uneasy feeling of insecurity which often plagues the ill and elderly who live alone no longer needs to trouble Oakland County residents. A free service is available which will check on their well being seven days a week.

The program is called Tele-Care and is a joint project of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auxiliary in Pontiac and the Red Cross.

The only requirement is that the "client" be an Oakland County resident. There is no need to have been a hospital patient at any time.

This is the way the program operates:

Anyone wanting the service (or wishing to know more about it) should call the switchboard at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital 9-11 a.m. An application form, brochure explaining the program and letter of welcome will be mailed to the applicant along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

THE FORM seeks such information as names and telephone numbers of next of kin, physician and neighbors to be called in the event of an emergency.

"Clients" also are asked to give their consent for police to enter their home should circumstances indicate a serious emergency.

Mrs. George Kay, auxiliary president, cites the case of one client who was in her locked home, in a diabetic coma. Her neighbor did not have a key.

In that case, police forced entry, took the woman to a hospital and thereby saved her life.

Clients are called by volunteers at a designated time each day—Sundays and holidays included. If there is no answer, the volunteer calls a name listed on the client's registration form—relative, friend, building manager, and as a last resort, the police.

Only in an emergency, will anyone enter the home to check.

Calls are brief unless there is some problem. The volunteer will help in contacting other community resources who can help with specific problems.

MRS. KAY emphasizes the complete confidentiality in which information about each client is kept.

"I keep all the records with me," she said, "and there is no possible way that anyone else could see them."

She also emphasizes that the service is free and that the only requirement is Oakland County residency.

Right now, Tele-Care is looking for more clients to service. It has about 20 now, Mrs. Kay said, but she hopes for many more as word of the service spreads.

Tele-Care clients look forward to the daily call, Mrs. Kay said, and sit by their phones waiting for it.

"One of our volunteers was five minutes late making a call one day," she laughed, "and got a real scolding."

TWO OF the volunteer callers are men, Mrs. Kay said, and three are from England. It happens that Tele-Care has several clients who also are English and both client and volunteer enjoy hearing the "back home" accents.

While seeking more clients, Mrs. Kay believes Tele-Care has already "earned its keep."

Looking back at the woman whose life was saved from the diabetic coma, she said: "If Tele-Care never made another call, it would all be worthwhile, just from that one incident."

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Licensing and bonding of professional fund raisers by the attorney general are required under a new Michigan law.

The new law, known as the Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act, covers charities raising more than \$4,000 per year in Michigan.

It requires such charities to file identification information and methods of solicitation with the attorney general before licenses will be issued. Annual financial statements are required.

The new law is intended to insure that contributions go to the needy rather than the promoters.

Earlier guidelines issued by the attorney general said that 70 per cent of contributions should go to the cause rather than for administrative costs, but the guidelines were unenforceable under the previous statute.

Neither did the previous law allow the attorney general to regulate professional fund raisers who contract with local groups to raise money for charitable causes.

Most professional fund raisers take about 30 per cent of contributions, after expenses, for their services. Expenses of publicity and paid solicitors generally run to 30 per cent of all proceeds. The local organization consequently is left with about 20 per cent for the cause.

Christmas benefit

Un-imprinted Christmas cards from the Children's Leukemia Foundation are available in the Oakland County area from Mrs. Jean Clark at 647-0229. The cards are offered in units of 12 for \$4 with a religious or general theme. Proceeds will support leukemia research programs at Children's Hospital and Beaumont Hospital.

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