

# Social worker's mission aids forgotten retarded

By MARGARET MILLER

Richard Kwiatkowski, who operates the East Side Mission near Waterworks Park, voiced thanks to several area United Methodist Churches for gifts and assistance on the Christmas party the mission gives annually for the people it serves.

A majority of these people are residents of homes for the retarded and mentally ill that are clustered in that neighborhood, which Kwiatkowski calls a "psychiatric ghetto."

The mission's day-to-day work, along with the holiday party and the distribution of gifts to residents of the area who do not visit the mission, has helped keep a gratifying no-holiday-suicides record for the last three years, said Kwiatkowski, who operates the mission under auspices of the United Methodist Church Detroit Conference.

"The holidays are difficult to face alone even for so-called normal people," he said. "Many of these people are alone and know they have families who ignore them. Until three years ago, we lost a few every year because of the depression this knowledge brings."

He feels the response on the part of several suburban churches to his requests for simple gifts has been a big part of the difference.

"It's the gesture. The gift tells them they too are children of God and they have said," said Kwiatkowski.

He said gifts had come this year from Newburg UMC in Livonia, Lola Valley UMC in Redford, Town and Dearborn First UMC, West Bloomfield, Milford, Grosse Pointe and Wesley in Warren.

Some of these churches, along with others including Ferndale and Nardin Park in Farmington Hills, have helped his East Side Mission in other ways, including putting on meals for busloads of "Richard's people" and sending work parties to the mission to make needed improvements like painting.

THE EAST SIDE Mission has its beginnings about 10 years ago in a senior citizens' program Kwiatkowski was conducting in now-closed St. Mark United Methodist. At the time he was superintendent of buildings for three churches known as East Side Parishes.

"We became aware then of the increase in residents of adult foster care homes in that area," he said.

"These people were and are exploited and subjected to degradation. A few churches in the area had asked them to attend — I know they can be a bit disruptive sometimes."

Working with the Rev. Wayne Brookshear, then minister of St. Mark, he began a weekly program for 13 women from the foster care homes. By the time St. Mark closed its doors in 1972, there were 125 women and men in the program that Kwiatkowski ran in addition to his work with senior citizens.

At that point money was appropriated through the Methodist Union, a conference auxiliary body, to rent space at a nearby YMCA, and a few months later Kwiatkowski was offered an old house that had been a parsonage.

"Dr. Herbert Houser of the Methodist Union asked if we could use it," he said. "It was kind of run down, but we fixed it up and moved in and the East Side Ministries had come into being."

Classes in hygiene and simple cooking were offered. There was Bible study, and clothing was collected so people from the foster care homes could find things to wear.

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Gradually many started stopping by on a regular basis, and after a bus was donated by the Methodist Union, occasional excursions began.

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THIS MISSION leader, who took classes in social work and gerontology and studied for the ministry until it interfered with his work with his people, is grateful for the help he receives from suburban churches but also would like to see more concern in the suburbs for the kind of care foster home people receive in his neighborhood.

"Meals posted are not the ones that are served," he cited as an example, "and I know some of these people are being shortchanged in the money they are supposed to get through the state."

The situation is almost impossible to fight, he added, because documentation is hard to get.

"And around here nobody cares," he said. "If more homes could be located in suburban areas, then abuse would more likely be reported. It certainly would help if the suburbs could accept more group homes."

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