

At OCC's Womencenter:

Women committed to helping women on all fronts

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Because of the budget cuts most pub- service agencies have faced in the past couple of years, the peer coun- selors in Womencenter on Oakland Community College are busier than they've ever been before.

looking for a job, may be in the midst of a divorce, might be suffering abuse or just need someone to listen to them.
'This week I was able to direct a woman to where she could get some good child care,' said Colleen McInerney, who is White's assistant.

THE DEFINITION of a peer in the women-helping-women program is "someone whose life experience is like one's own."
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"Most of the women involved here in any facet of whatever we do are women who have been helped in some way by our program and stay on to help others. We couldn't operate at all, or we wouldn't even be here, if that wasn't so."

WOMENCENTER works for the equality of women on all fronts. And though the peer counseling has come to be the heart of Womencenter, its overall purpose is to develop educational programs that promote growth in personal and political awareness. Simultaneously it provides resources to assist both economic and social needs.

It sponsors non-credit short courses to fulfill these needs, and a one-a-week lecture series that covers cultural and political topics.

It sponsors periodic workshops of special interest to women and the Dis-

placed Homemaker Program aimed to get those with little or no skills back into school or the work force.
Womencenter was the instigator of open house on Orchard Ridge Campus. When the first "Try College for a Day" was staged, about 20 classrooms were opened for guests to sit in on a session to see what it was like to be back in school.

When "Try College for a Day" was staged in the last week of October this year, hours were expanded and 52 instructors opened their doors for the open house.

Womencenter is housed in Room 308, J Building. Appointments for peer counseling will be honored by those who wish to call 476-9400, ext. 508 or ext. 509.

Otherwise, visitors may drop in Monday and Wednesday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Junior Group of League-Goodwill

Antique show staged to benefit the handicapped

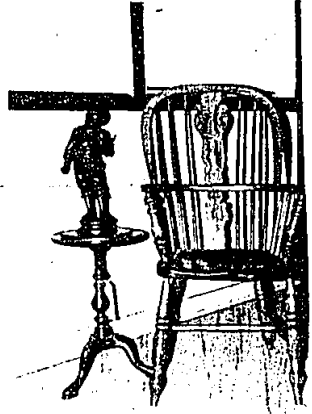
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Junior Group of League-Goodwill hosts its 25th annual Antique Show and Sale Friday-Sunday in Fairlane Manor, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn.

directly with the mentally and physically disabled who are seeking to become self-supporting.
"There are about 150 members now and all of us do double duty," said Mary Jane Watkins. The Farmington Hills resident will take a week off from her job to oversee the setting up of booths for the 50 antique dealers who will offer 18th- and 19th-century items ranging from furniture to toys; from silver to quilts.

away from her job to work on the show. Active in Farmington Players, she has arranged for some of the players' period costumes to be loaned out for the three-day show and is in charge of selling advance tickets.
"Every advance ticket sold is like money in the bank on the way to our second million," she said. Jorgensen marked the \$1.5 million mark the group has already passed in its contributions to Goodwill Industries, and its successor, League-Goodwill.

equipment for a sheltered workshop, and just having money available for buying new machines and updating when its necessary," Watkins said.

Persons interested in having furniture refinished may call the Brush Street plant, 875-4313.
Advance tickets for the show are \$3.50, or \$3 for seniors, available by calling Jorgensen, at 474-5887.



Quality chairs, such as the one at right, that have been refinished by League-Goodwill clients, might be one of a kind, offered in pairs, or in sets of six.



Clients of League-Goodwill Willie Peterson (at left) and Jerome Boyd, work on an old church pew, typical of the donated furniture that will be for sale in the Goodwill Booth Friday-Sunday.

Program about first aid emphasizes prevention

Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) invites parents to attend a free program called "Emergency First Aid for Young Children" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile.

Robertson said that, realistically, parents can't keep their children in a totally safe environment, but they can plan ahead for emergency situations that might occur. She will talk about procedures dealing with minor cuts and bruises, choking, head injuries and burns.

Because we have an international computer hook-up system, we can provide information on current products ranging from food to cleaning products, and even items such as suntan oil."
Palerito's said she believes that 98 percent of the cases of accidental poisoning can be handled in the home if parents are advised of the correct procedures to follow.

Arts & Crafts thru Nov. 7. Pontiac Mall. TELEGRAPH & ELIZABETH LK. P.O. WATERBURY TWP. DAILY 9:30 TO 5 SUNDAY 10:00 TO 3. Includes a list of items for sale like pottery, wood, and sculpture.