

She's dedicated to helping the Children's Leukemia Foundation

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"In 1952, we got a phone call from someone who also had lost a child to leukemia, and she suggested we band together to help others."

"I jumped in with both feet," Brown said. "And I've hung in ever since because it's important to fight back."

"Convinced in heartbreak, born of despair and loneliness, the Children's Leukemia Foundation was founded by volunteers working from kitchen tables in their homes."

The foundation was incorporated, and in 1955, volunteers decided they needed an office to pull the program together.

"We moved to Grand River, and I was retained as director at a nominal salary," Brown remembers. "We had a bank balance of \$118. By 1961, the group flourished and became a United Foundation service with some contributions from the United Way."

THE CHILDREN'S Leukemia Foundation, which now has 10 chapters in Michigan, raises money for research, medical treatment, transportation and equipment and provides counseling services.

"We increased our case load, outgrew our office space in Detroit and moved to Southfield," Brown said.

"We came with boxes of toys for the playground and more solemn reminders of the year-round program — wheelchairs, crutches, bedside table and an occasional wig in large and small sizes."

Lining the walls of Brown's former office are pictures of many children, not only a memory, but all considered by Brown to be her own. On another wall, are pictures of children who are now thriving under new medical treatment.

"I have 500 kids and they're all my children," Brown reflects. "We weren't seeing many successes 10-15 years ago."

BUT WITH bone marrow transplants and a more sophisticated perilesis program, which involves donors of white cells and platelets for patients, much progress has been made, Brown said.

"I counsel patients and their families because those of us who have been there talk in a different language," she said.

Those who have survived losses are deeply involved. They can talk about their tragedies because they're doing something about it.

"I don't think there's a funeral home in the tri-county area that I haven't been to. It's important for those who suffer losses to have someone who cares and truly understands. Every day of a patient's life is meaningful. You can't give up hope."

"Sometimes, the well child suffers more if the parents are overly considerate to the sick child. I counsel parents to maintain as much normalcy as possible. The sick child can be repaid, if necessary, so he or she can grow up learning to function in society."

ONE OF Brown's greatest satisfactions is making dinner for patients who had childhood leukemia and are now in their 30s or 50s. Some are married and have children, she said with pride.

Brown said she begs, borrows but doesn't steal toys for Christmas parties attended by patients and their families. The foundation supplies toys for youngsters who go to a clinic to take painful bone marrow tests and other regimens.

Hospital closets are filled with toys donated by the foundation for children undergoing surgery or chemotherapy treatments.

"From 1959-1962, I was alone in the office," Brown recalled. "It wasn't a 9-to-5 job. The night superintendent of nursing at the old Children's Hospital often called me to do counseling at 1 or 4 a.m. for families from out of town who had nobody here."

"Some stayed at our home. When the hospital was being torn down, it took me six months to drive by because our Sandy died there. But I took the very last brick and I still have it."

"I've devoted all my time to the foundation, except when my kids were little, and I was involved with PTA and Scouting. But I feel as though I am a successful person."

BROWN WAS chosen in 1956 as "The Sweetest Woman in Detroit" by the Central Business District on Sweetest Day. The best part of that, she said, was passing out candy to children in the hospital.

In 1966, she was selected among the 10 top working women in the community, nominated by three executives from the United Foundation.

She's on the speaker's bureau of the

United Foundation and her next assignment is speaking to career groups about social work, hematology and other technical fields involving leukemia research.

"Everybody is somebody's child," is

Brown's credo. The foundation provides services for persons from five in between," she said. But she considers them all her children.

Farmington mayor provides view of future

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AS AN established, landlocked city surrounded by the larger communities of Farmington Hills and Livonia, Hartsock doesn't envision nearby growth causing major changes in Farmington.

"We will not suffer," the mayor said. Hartsock expects joint commissions between the cities to expand. And he foresees good rapport between Farmington and Farmington Hills continuing — aiding residents in both cities.

Although applauding President Reagan's efforts to defederalize the national economy, the effort places the burden on local governments, Hartsock said. Cutsbacks of programs such as the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) in the late 1970s, which at one time funded eight employees in the city, have forced cities to become financially frugal, he said.

Clint the size of Farmington, are being hit twice as hard. The city administration, he said, is "conscious of

our tax base and where money should be best spent" and is astute at anticipating trends. "We haven't had tremendous increases in millage because we've anticipated."

THE MAYOR believes council will concentrate on improving Farmington, since major building of the city is completed. "Our role is providing basic services to our residents," Hartsock said. "If you go beyond that, you spread yourself too thin."

Many resolutions received weekly from other governments are not given consideration because the issues don't directly affect residents, he said.

Hartsock was appointed to a two-year mayoral term by his council peers this month. The 12-year council veteran also served as mayor 1975-81.

This time around, he plans more community visibility, offering his services to neighborhood associations and schools where he could speak to or discuss current Farmington issues with

residents.

HIS INTEREST in local government began when he attended Eastern Michigan University, where he majored in political science. "Politics in general still interests me," he said. "It's dealing with people, which I enjoy." Down the road, he may consider running for political office at a higher level, he said.

Hartsock is chief financial officer for VanArman Co., a Birmingham financial firm, where he has worked since May 1985. He was previously self-employed as a management consultant and a computer distributor. He was a co-founder of Lexitel Corp., a Birmingham-based national long distance phone company, which is going public this year.

Before striking out on his own, Hartsock spent eight years with Touche Ross and Co., a Big Eight accounting firm.

Farmington's mayoral selection is based on seniority of council members following each odd year election, Hartsock said. This policy was implemented 10 years ago, when Hartsock questioned the selection process, which allowed a councilperson to be re-elected mayor for unlimited terms. "It's an honorary position, and we wanted to share that honor," he said.

Focus: Spicer property

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cause he said the influx of private money could foster rapid development of the acreage. "I'm not sure I want that to happen."

DUDLEY was joined by other council members in her concern that private contributions for the Spicer property would decrease contributions made to the adjacent Farmington Community Center (FCC).

The FCC has a priority in the community for soliciting donations; the city has tax money, Dudley added.

Mayor Jan Dolan and Councilwoman Jody Soronen agreed.

"There are only so many places you can go for funds," Dolan said, adding the park should be under the city's direct control.

A foundation should be strictly advisory and similar to the Farmington Community Library System's Friends of the Library.

ALTHOUGH SORONEN supported studying the issue, she said residents may believe that if they contribute to the Spicer property, the money also will be used for the FCC.

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