

Farmington bus drivers honored for excellence in public service

The Farmington Bus Drivers Association was recently awarded the 1987 E. Dale Kennedy Award for Outstanding Public Relations Programs by the 103,000-member Michigan Education Association, the drivers' parent group.

The local is the first individual unit to receive the award.

It was presented Feb. 5 at the

MEA State Negotiations and Public Relations Conference held at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. Local president Murphy Ayers accepted the award from MEA vice president Mary Christian.

"This award recognizes the outstanding PR programs of our 500 locals throughout the state of Michigan," Christian said.

The Michigan Education Association salutes and recognizes the Farmington bus drivers for their outstanding contributions in the field of public relations.

The drivers were lauded for the following accomplishments:

- developing the slogan "Farmington transportation — A View to the Future";

- assisting the Farmington District Marketing Committee in developing a real estate packet for prospective home buyers;

- sponsoring a student art poster contest for bus safety;

- developing special note pads for drivers to send personal information home to parents;

- distributing bus safety rules booklets to students and local bookstores;

- producing a video illustrating a day in the life of a bus driver which aired on local cable channels;

- delivering Christmas food baskets to needy families;

- conducting bus tours for open houses;

- holding a car wash which generated \$500 for the Farmington Youth Assistance Program;

- transporting senior citizens to and from Creativity Springs Alive, an annual event sponsored by the school district.



Murphy Ayers, president of the Farmington Bus Drivers Association, recently accepted a

community relations award for her drivers from the Michigan Education Association.

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Information about counseling and psychological services, emergency assistance, community education classes and support groups is as close as the telephone.

Shareline, a new community service, offers free evaluation for individuals and families in emotional distress.

Qualified mental health professionals can answer questions about

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