Christmas cards help charities fight illness

As a public service, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers annually publishes samplers of holiday cards sold by non-profit organizations.

"These cards, which help support the research and programs of the organizations, are greetings that continue to give all year.

In addition, scrapbooks of the cards are maintained at the five Observer & Eccentric offices at: 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia; 33203 Grand River, Farmington; 410 N. Main, Rochester; 744 Wing, Plymouth; and 805 E. Maple, Birmingham.

The cards featured today are those of area health organizations. Holiday cards featured on this page can be ordered as follows:

Arthritis Foundation: Six styles are offered; there are 25 cards per box. The style shown is $10.75. To order, call the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, 350-3030, in Southfield. The foundation helps patients, families, health professionals and the general public through programs of research, patient services, public education and professional training.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation: A box has 25 cards; the style shown is $16.50 a box. There are 12 styles of the Cystic Fibrosis "Breath of Life" greeting cards; they help benefit children born with cystic fibrosis, an inherited and presently incurable disease. Cards support research, care and education programs for these children. Cards range from $16.50 to $27.25. Checks are payable to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Metro Detroit Chapter, 20300 Center Drive, Suite 304, Southfield. Call the foundation, 354-6565 for more information.

Children's Leukemia Foundation: There are six styles of cards; all boxes contain 25 cards. The style shown is $10 a box. Make checks payable to Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, 19022 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 48075. The Children's Leukemia Foundation serves both adults and children. As well as aiding in patient support, the foundation contributes to serious blood disease research, with the goal of finding a cure for leukemia and blood diseases.

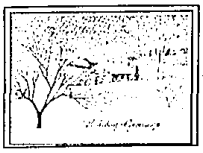
Muscular Dystrophy Association: There are three styles of cards; a box of 25 is $14. Make checks payable to Muscular Dystrophy Association, 20270 Middlebelt, Suite 5, Livonia 48152; or call 476-2920.

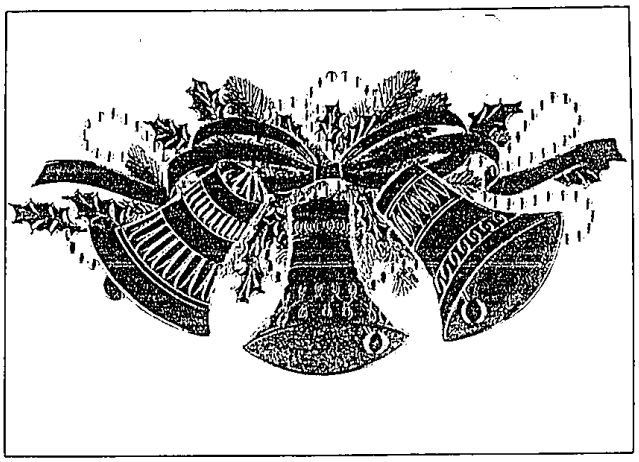
Southeastern Michigan SIDS Foundation: Three cards are available this year, a box of 25 is $10. Check is payable to National SIDS Foundation. For home delivery via UPS, call Jan Maloney, Southeast Michigan SIDS Foundation chairwoman, at 549-8215 after 6 p.m. Cards may also be picked up 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Community House in Birmingham, at its holiday card display event.

American Cancer Society: The American Cancer Society offers a set of 12 secular and religious cards geared for business and personal use. A box of 25 ranges in price from $11 to $19. Imprinting is available. Buy cards or obtain a brochure at Wayne County office, 6701 Harrison, Garden City 425-6830; or Oakland County office, 29350 Southfield Road, Southfield, 48076, 557-5353.

Arthritis Foundation

Best wishes at this Holiday time and all through the New Year



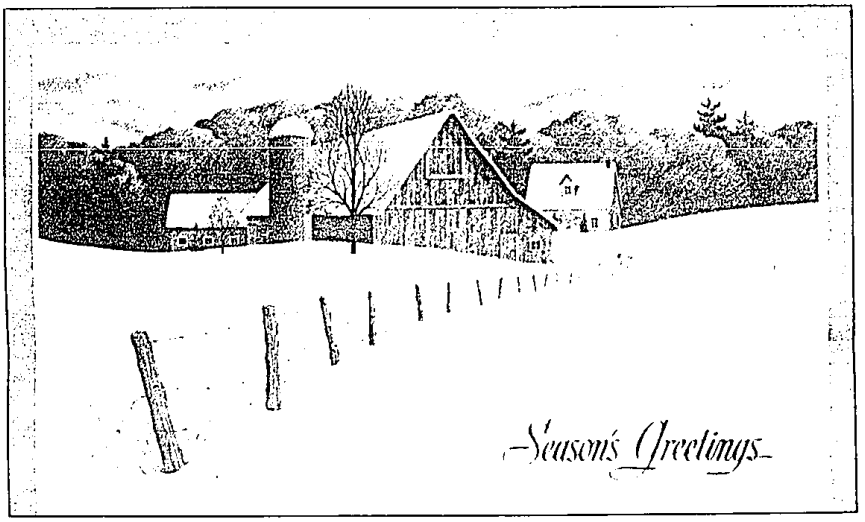


Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Best Wishes for the holiday season and for every day of the coming year

Children's Leukemia Foundation

May the Joy of the Christmas Season be With You all Through the Year



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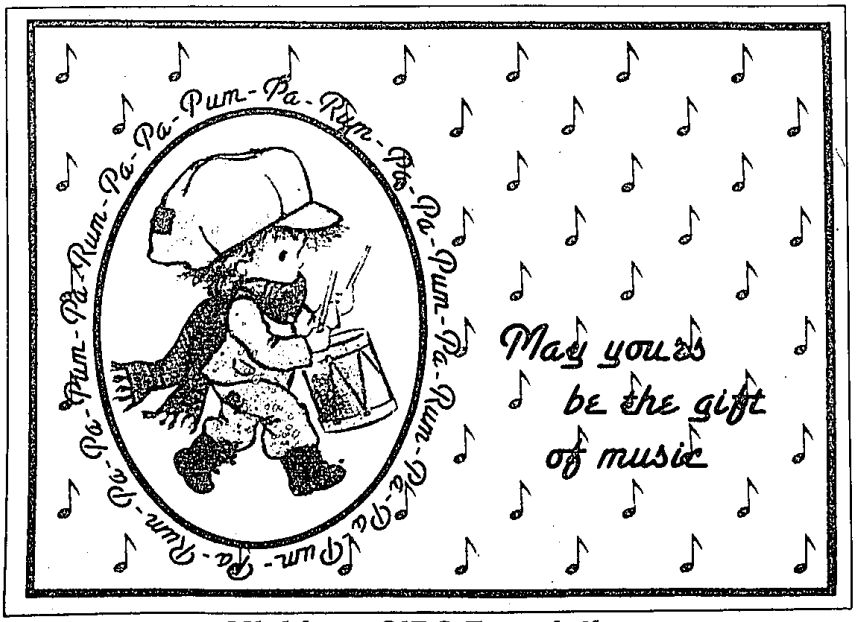
Greetings of the Season and best wishes for the New Year



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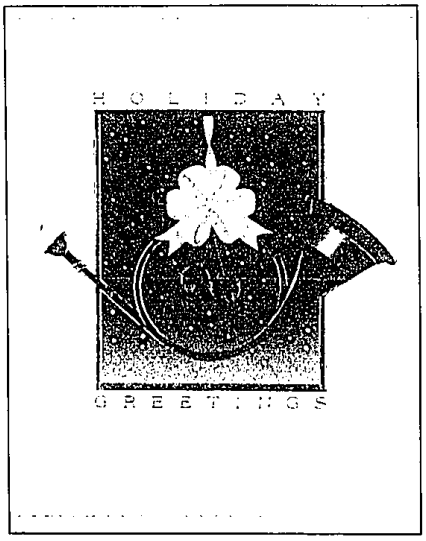
Let all our hearts rejoice to the sounds of Christmas



American Cancer Society

May Happiness brighten your Holidays and remain with you throughout the New Year