

Agencies sent out their wish lists

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and magazines; new socks; hats; gloves; toiletries; infant necessities for layette packages for new babies; office supplies; drivers with trucks to pick up furniture donations for relocating homeless families. Contact the center about gifts for Christmas parties for current and former guests of the shelter, including young children and teenagers.

FISH OF GREATER PONTIAC
3882 Highland Road
Pontiac 48054

Fish is a non-profit volunteer organization offering services for family emergencies and other help not usually available through other organizations. Fish is totally sustained by unsolicited private donations.

PONTIAC RESCUE MISSION
90 University
P.O. Box 3590
Pontiac 48059
334-2187

The Rescue Mission feeds, shelters and clothes men, women and children providing counseling and attention to medical needs. They need: food donations; heavy coats, gloves, hats; clothes; good, clean used or new blankets; money; fresh fruits and vegetables.

WOMEN'S SURVIVAL CENTER
167 W. Pike
Pontiac 48053
335-2685

The center reaches out to women in crisis situations or in need of professional help. Needed are: volunteer money; volunteers to serve on center's Board; building materials; furniture; floor covering; child's climber gym piece; educational toys; VCR; daycare scholarships for teen parents; storage units; mini-blinds; cabinets; a microwave; donations for renovation of teen home.

OPEN DOOR OF UNION LAKE
7724 Cooley Lake Road
Union Lake 48085
360-2930

An interfaith outreach for the nearby Wixford and White Lake Townships, West Bloomfield and Commerce. Open Door needs good, clean used clothing for resale and food and cash donations.

SHELTERING ARMS
1658 E. Lincoln
Birmingham 48009
646-1040

An adult daycare service to the frail elderly. Sheltering Arms needs sponsors for a day of care; a video camcorder (for individual histories); any ceramic greenware; contributions of simple, unfinished wood

projects to be sanded, stained by seniors; Fiscar brand scissors; bingo prizes of personal care items under \$2, like small aftershave for men or travel-size hand lotion for women.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
1234 Ingewood
P.O. Box 112
Rochester 48083
651-5836

Neighborhood House provides therapy, crisis intervention, food, clothes and emergency financial assistance. Such need: new things for children such as underwear, socks, shoes, boots; gift certificates for shirts and coats (may be used); books; games; school supplies; diapers; cloth diapers for babies; new things for teenagers, like T-shirts, calculators, aftershave, sweatshirts, jeans; gift certificates to record stores; (for seniors) assorted greeting cards, stamps, pens, gift certificates for beauty, barber shops, movies; toothpaste; toothbrushes; hats; scarves; gift wrap. (Call Neighborhood House by Dec. 19 if providing complete Christmas meals. They will deliver baskets.)

SALVATION ARMY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
12500 Shalloway
Farmington Hills 48044
477-1153 or 478-1874

Neighborhood House and the Salvation Army work to meet people's needs for food, shelter, clothing. The clearing house agency needs: new toys; money; frozen turkeys; non-perishable food items; volunteers to answer phones, type and do clerical tasks; sponsors for Neighborhood House. Church groups and individuals to ring bells at Salvation Army kettle are also needed.

ST. VINCENT AND SARAH FISHER CENTER
17440 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills 48108
626-7527

The center provides residential care and treatment and foster care for abused and neglected, emotionally disturbed children ages 4-14, as well as services to young, single parents and their families. Needed are: microwaves; VCRs; stereo; TV cabinets; color TVs; TV stands with cable.

nets; curling irons; popcorn poppers; 4-slice toasters; sets of pots and pans; new bath towels and wash cloths; and new bed linens for single beds.

FARMINGTON AREA GOODFELLOWS
33411 Grand River
Farmington 48024
474-3433

Goodfellows serve the needs of families and senior citizens in the community, helping with food, clothing, attention to medical needs. Volunteers are needed to do office and clerical tasks, shopping and packing.

UNITED COMMUNITY SERVICES
29388 Southfield Road, Suite 202
Southfield 48076
565-4203

United Community Services assists human service agencies in planning for their endeavors and acts as a clearing house for information. They're now looking for a permanent home for the shelter in Southeastern Oakland County. Also needed are coordinators, phone workers, typists, and meeting organizers.

Erin Norman (left), 5, and Luke King, both of Livonia, paint at the easel of the Learning Activity Center in the downtown Farmington branch library.

Interactive learning

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"You get to know what the hot status, like painting and play dough, are," said Wendy Scott, assistant librarian at the Farmington branch.

Parents can sign up for one or multiple centers throughout each month. Sessions are walk-in sessions. The limit is 40 children per class, Scott said.

Livonia resident and Farmington Public Schools employee Mary Philbin brought children from the day care center she operates to a recent class for 2- and 3-year-olds at the Farmington branch.

THE ACTIVITIES help develop motor skills in youngsters, said Philbin, a program assistant on a year-long educational leave from Cleveland Developmental Training Center.

"It gives me ideas because it (the program) covers a lot of areas," she said. "I don't make every session; it all depends on how the day is going. I time the feedings. We don't go anywhere unless everyone has a full belly."

Susan Slesman of Farmington Hills and her two children, Eileen, 8 months, and Michelle, 3, attend library activities frequently. She found out about the new program through brochures, she said.

Each Learning Activity Center is one hour in length and is free. In addition, the library is planning programs for parents to learn about the developmental stages of children and what they might expect.

THIS APPROACH to children's library learning came about one year ago when the library administration

began evaluating the library's children's programming in light of a possible grant, according to a report from Philbin.

Although the grant was unsuccessful, that study became the basis for the new program.

The library plans to offer activity centers for children for children in the first grade or higher. Centers will be offered on alternative seasons for children ages 2-5.

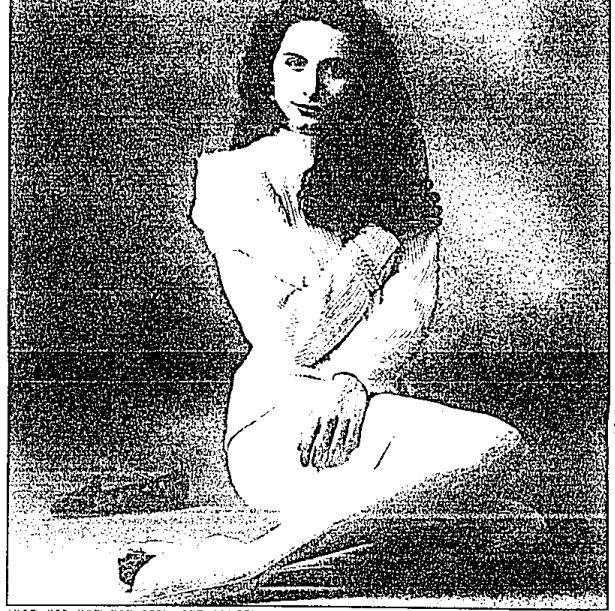
The new program is scheduled with flexibility to accommodate varying needs. Centers are open during varying times in the morning, afternoon and evening during the week and on Saturdays.

"Hopefully, learning experiences do not stop when children leave the library," Philbin said. "Parents can build upon and reinforce experiences in their day-to-day interaction with their children."

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