

# 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 volunteers; and 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  
334-5555

Fish is a non-profit volunteer organization offering service 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 and provides 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: volunteers; money; people to serve on center's Board; vehicle for transportation; 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 needy in Waterford and White Lake Townships, West Bloomfield and Commerce, Open Door needs good, clean used clothing for resale and food and cash donations.

## SHELTERING ARMS

1638 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, glassware, contributions of simple, unfinished wood

## SALVATION ARMY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Neighborhood House  
27500 Shawwassee  
Farmington Hills 48024  
477-1153 or 478-4874

Neighborhood House and the Salvation Army, together, 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 kettles are also needed.

## ST. VINCENT AND SARAH FISHER CENTER

27400 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 cabinets; curling irons; popcorn poppers; 4-slice toasters; sets of pots and pans; new bath towels and washcloths; and new bed linens for single beds.

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## FARMINGTON AREA GOODFELLOWS

33411 Grand River  
Farmington 48024  
474-3440

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

29508 Southfield Road, Suite 202  
Southfield 48076  
569-4208

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.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Erin Herman (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 stations, 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; some 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 Cloverdale 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 Sleetsman of Farmington Hills and her two children, Eileen, 6 months, and Michelle, 3, attend library activities frequently. She found out about this program through a brochure, 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 Papal.

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

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

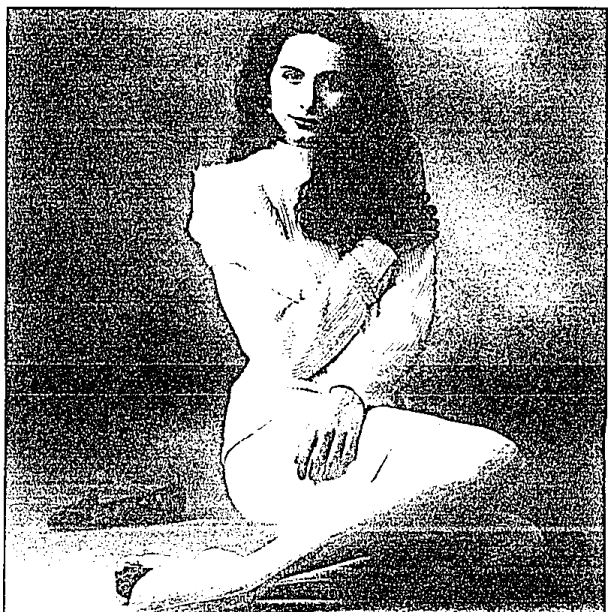
The new program is scheduled with flexibility to accommodate varying needs. Centers are open during varying times in the morning, afternoon and evening during the week and on Saturdays.

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

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