

Homes, clothes donated in relief effort

Victims of Hurricane Andrew will soon get help from several local sources — from the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit in Bloomfield Township to The Mole Hole, a store in Birmingham.

The JCC is lining up local people who have summer homes or condominiums in the storm ravaged area to provide them for those left homeless. From Friday through Tuesday, four callers had offered their housing.

'It's remarkable when you consider that lending your home is not something you would think people would do readily.'

*Jeannie Weiner
JCC president*

help, call 642-63-93 from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Mole Hole's request for used clothing resulted in a "mountain" of clothing and blankets dropped off at the store, 128 S. Woodward.

Manager Ellen Schirmer arrived at work to find bags of clothing waiting.

"It's amazing. People are even dropping off brand new clothes and blankets," she said. "Everyone

wants to do something. We're so pleased with the reaction."

One woman dropped off an r/gan she made five years ago but was stored in a closet.

The Mole Hole continues to serve as a reception point for clothing that will be trucked down to West Palm Beach, Fla., which is the clearinghouse for all donated items for victims of Hurricane Andrew, which slammed through Florida on Aug. 24.

"We're still collecting and don't anticipate getting the clothing down there for about three weeks yet," Schirmer explained.

Volunteers are needed to help with the drop-off and organizing the donations. The Royal Oak Credit Union and teens from the Birmingham and Bloomfield area already have committed time.

"It would be great to have two or three people each day. The donations are coming in all the time. It would make things easier," she

said. Schirmer also is looking for a warehouse to store the donations since more drop-offs will use up all the available space in her store basement. She's also looking for trucking firms that might allow them to use available space to transport the items. The Salvation Army, she added, could also take the items south.

Federal estimates show 250,000 left homeless in Florida because of the effects of the hurricane.

People who want to donate clothing are asked to separate items before drop off. Bags should be labeled to indicate that the clothing inside is either for men, women, boys, girls or infants.

Items can be dropped off at the store during regular business hours, which are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Items being collected for hurricane victims

Farmington-area residents wanting to assist victims caught in the path of Hurricane Andrew in Florida and Louisiana can do so through the Farmington Hills Corps of the Salvation Army.

People should take food and other needed goods to the Salvation Army, 27500 Shilawasse Road, Farmington Hills.

The following items are needed: bottled water, dry or canned foods, baby food, paper goods, toothpaste, toothbrushes, blankets and linens. For those who would like to donate money, checks should be made out to "Salvation Army Hurricane Relief."

"One hundred percent of the donations will go to hurricane relief," said Capt. Homer Smith, who directs the Farmington

Hills Corps. For more information, call 477-1153.

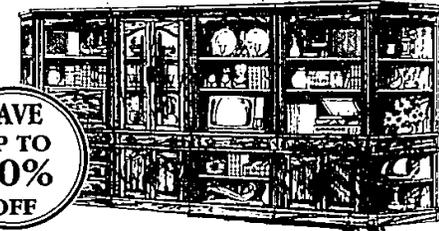
For convenience, residents also may drop off items during business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile; Farmington Hills Police Department, 31555 11 Mile; and the city's four fire stations:

- Station 1: 35725 Nine Mile.
- Station 2: 28225 Middlebelt.
- Station 3: 21420 Wheeler.
- Station 4 (headquarters): 28711 Drake Road.

People may drop off items 24 hours a day at the police department, which is always open, according to City Manager William Costick.

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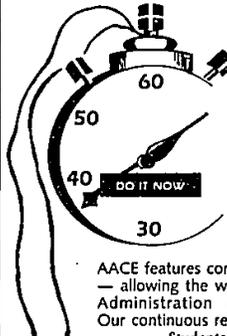


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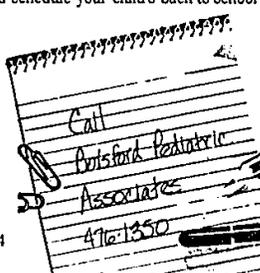
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