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He's 'Dad' to foster son

Spaulding, an agency for children with special needs, helps a young Southfield man become a foster parent to an adolescent boy.

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They've been pals for a year now — and 13-year-old Exco Kennedy, who is nicknamed "Mac," calls Michael Turner of Southfield "Dad."

Turner, who is single and 24 years old, took Mac into his care as a foster child just "for the weekend" around Labor Day, 1991. They got along so well that Mac has stayed on, and now Turner is thinking of adopting him.

In a visit to the Village Green apartment complex on Franklin Road, where they live, it was readily apparent that the two have an easy *rapport*.

Mac likes to joke around, gently teasing Turner, who responds with good humor.

Turner and Mac got together through Spaulding for Children, which places youngsters with foster parents, or for adoption. Southfield-based, Spaulding is nationally recognized as a special needs adoption agency.

Turner first visited the agency two years ago with friends, who have two adopted children and two foster children. On Monday, Turner and Mac will be among the Spaulding

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Good buddies: *Mike Turner and foster son Exco "Mac" Kennedy enjoy wrestling. The two share many activities and last summer Turner coached Mac's Little League team, in Southfield.*

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SOCIAL EYES

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Action swings at golf outing

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When the unpretentious **Marian Poling** was asked how she got involved with the second annual Mercy High School **Meg Mallon** Golf Outing on Sept. 1, the first lady of the Ford Motor Co. unassumingly responded, "Well, my husband works for Ford." And, Mrs. Poling, you are simply delightful.

So were all the key players instrumental in making the Edgewood Golf outing a swinging success for the Farmington Hills college preparatory school for girls.

The day was par excellence, with 1981 Mercy High School graduate and Women's U.S. Open Champion Meg Mallon returning home to help raise money for her alma mater.

The event brought in 250 supporters also paying special tribute to Mallon's long-time friend (since she was 5 years old) and financial backer **Mel Farr**-superstar, and **Merrily Dean Baker**, newly appointed athletic director for Michigan State University.

Off the record, it was noted that Mallon's father, John (now retired from Ford), was instrumental in the success of Farr's Ford dealerships. Farr, in turn, generously returned the kindness by sponsoring Mallon's golf dream.

"My golf game is really off, but my Ford business is doing great," beamed Mel Farr to Marian Poling during lunch.

And at the tribute dinner, Farr again made a statement worth quoting: "We are all on a journey together that will leave a legacy for the future and for the young women."

Other superstars supporting the Mercy outing were **Tom and Nancy Angott** of Orchard Lake, **Rita Margherio** and **Kay Albertie** (also Orchard Lakers), **Mimi and Bridget Bosco, Al and Kathy Wisne, Frank and Marty Stella, Carol Chisholm, Paul Roubal, Brad Putvan, John Walsh** of Farmington Hills, **Ray Nagle** of Nagle Paving, **Annette Wisne Green, Johanna Monaghan** and honorary co-chairmen **Wayne and Amelia Inman** and **Tony and Roseann Nagorsen.**

Fr. Timothy Shannon, president of U-D Academy, lead the invocation for **Archbishop Maida,** who was unable to attend after just returning from a visit to Poland.

On the tee

All teeing up at the second annual Women's Celebrity Golf Classic for the Arthritis Foundation on Sept. 1 were former Detroit Piston **Don Adams** of Southfield, former Detroit Tiger **Earl Wilson** of Farmington Hills, former New York Yankee Big **Al Wygant** who is currently with the PGA rules committee of Southfield and former Tiger great **Jim Northrup,** along with **Roger McCoy, Mickey Stanley** and **Milt Wilcox.**

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Par excellence: *At second annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing for Mercy High School, honorary co-chairman and co-chairwoman Lou and Mary Margaret Bosco of Orchard Lake welcome 1991 LPGA champion Meg Mallon (center) before tee time.*

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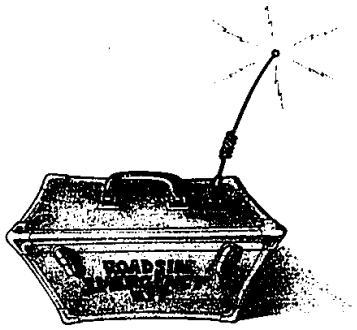

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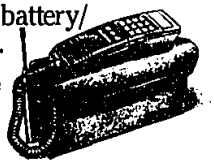

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