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Working with handicapped children at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club has been the volunteer effort of Vibeke Vestersgaard of Denmark. Along with a Scottish au pair, she assisted handicapped kids in horseback riding each week last fall until the weather turned cold. During a fall break, she also helped youngsters who competed in the long jump, at the Special Olympics held at the open hunt club in Bloomfield Hills.

Enjoys kids
"I worked with kids at home (in Denmark)," she said. "I'm a life-guard and some were handicapped kids." She enjoyed her experiences at the open hunt club, saying, "It was fun. They were so happy that people want to play with them."

Vestersgaard stays with Phil and Diane Novillo of Troy, taking care of Shannon, 3, and Brian 5. An au pair who has applied to work as a volunteer with abused children is Ann Marie McKenna of Belfast, Ireland, who is due to start next week at the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills. She will play basketball, volleyball and outdoor sports with kids ages 10-15.

She also applied to the Judson Center, for abused children, in Royal Oak and has attended an orientation meeting. Her interest is in "befriending someone." They have a little boy lined up for her. McKenna has done volunteer



Special helpers: Au pairs who are staying with Troy families worked on the Special Olympics at Bloomfield Open Hunt. They include Michaela Peisger of Germany, Maria Grundo of Sweden, Mauren Maneschijn of Holland, Sarah Napper of England and Vibeke Vestersgaard of Denmark.

work in Ireland. "I worked as a play group assistant for the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, one morning a week for five months. I also worked for the Samaritans, a listening agency," she said.

Her host family is Mike and Marsha O'Reilly of Bloomfield Hills, who have two daughters, Lisa, 6, and Alana, 3.

McKenna's host mother is a member of the Birmingham Junior League, and the au pair helped at Kids Night Out, reading to children at Pontiac Area Transi-

tional Housing, which is a Junior League project. Last Halloween, McKenna and two other au pairs went trick or treating for UNICEF. "We dressed up and went around Birmingham and collected money," she said.

Au pair volunteers may work together in large groups. Fifteen au pairs helped out at the Sarah Fisher Center at a party for the children on Valentine's Day. Carina Johansson from Sweden said, "I painted faces. I really enjoyed it." The au pairs baked cookies the night before and brought them to the party. Johansson plans to lend a hand at the center

again in September. Back in her own country, she was a member of the Red Cross and worked on one of the teams that was sent to sports activities, discos and the Lucia celebration, to aid in case of accident.

Johanneon's host family is Mike and Ann O'Neill of Farmington Hills, whose children are Megan, 5, and Michael, 3.

FASHION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Summer collection
Madeleine summer collection from Europe available for private showings by Leah Fisher through Saturday, June 5. For appointment call Fisher at 383-5420.

Christian Dior
Trunk show of Christian Dior bridal fashions through Saturday, June 5, at Exclusives for the Bride in Birmingham.

Chloe for fall
Chloe fall trunk show, of fluid pants, suits and dresses, with representative visit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and informal modeling 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, June 4, in Couture Salon, Level Three, at Adam Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Rear Ends
Casual clothing from Rear Ends informally modeled noon to 2 p.m. at Le Metro restaurant in

Applegate Square, Northwestern Highway between 12 and 13 Mile Road, Southfield.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Fashion show
Fashion show, with appearance by Mary Marino, designer for Chico's, at noon at Chico's on the Boardwalk, 6383 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

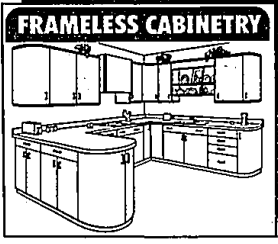
THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Informal modeling
Informal modeling of one-of-a-kind casual wear from Chico's a noon to 2 p.m. at Stage & Co. restaurant in the Boardwalk shopping center, Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, in West Bloomfield.

Bridal fashions
Watters and Watters trunk show through Saturday, June 12, at Exclusives for the Bride, 708 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

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