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mothers, will model with their children.

The tea with scones and little sandwiches has been underwritten by the families of Rolfe Doner and Dolly Goldberg. "Both these deceased women's families have been involved with Orchards for some time," Hoefler said. Tickets are \$30 per adult and \$15 per child (children must be at least five years old). A patron package at \$100 includes two preferred seating tickets and a program listing. Send your check to: Orchards Children's Services, 30215 Southfield Road, Southfield 48076, Attention - Community Relations.

Fannie Bernard of Southfield, a foster parent at Orchards Children's Services, originated the idea of The Clothing Corner, which is at the child welfare agency's headquarters, 30215 Southfield Road.

## How it started

Friends had been bringing their children's outgrown clothing to Bernard for her foster kids when she thought about the possibility of a place where social workers, or the foster parents selected through the Department of Social Services, could find children's clothing. The Clothing Corner opened two and one-half years

ago. One recent afternoon, Bernard was among the volunteers sorting and folding donated clothing at the "corner." Bernard has eight children at home: three foster children, three adopted children, one biological child, and one stepchild. Most foster parents are licensed by the Department of Social Services for two or three children.

In the main room, shelves are stacked with everything kids need to wear for the current season, right down to shoes. Other storage areas house clothes that have not yet been sorted, as well as out-of-season clothes. Some of these will be needed soon, as summer turns to fall and colder weather.

Besides Bernard, other volunteers working that day included Helen Allen of Southfield, Iris Suris of Southfield, Diana Riddle of Ferndale, and Marquette Washington of Detroit, who is the foster parent of four boys, ages 13 to 16.

## Can help themselves

"Everything is marked and put away," Suris explained. If we're not here, the social workers can easily find what they need. Things we don't think our children need, we send to the Capuchins.

"In care, we have close to 500

kids," said Melinda Kuhn, community relations coordinator for Orchards Services. "Most of them come down here at one time or another."

"When kids come in here they are in such bad shape," Riddle said. A package of new underwear, a hygiene kit and new socks are given to each child on the first visit. All donated, used clothing the child receives is in good condition.

Many area groups hold drives to gather garments for the Clothes Closet, Bernard said. "If a school or church organization wants to have a drive for our closet we will be glad to pick up." To give donations of clothing or money, call 433-8600 and ask for Melinda Kuhn.

Proceeds from the upcoming fashion show and tea will help the Clothes Closet purchase new underwear, new winter coats, if needed; and tote bags with toiletries. At The Community House, proceeds are earmarked "for building an endowment for a scholarship for a child to attend the program at The Community House Childhood Center," said Hoefler. "The center has about 35 children and is continuously full because of its program and location in the community, when parents are working a full day."

# Album published 3rd Monday

The Eccentric Newspapers Monthly Album is published the third Monday of each month and is reserved for residents and former residents of The Eccentric circulation area.

Photos and engagement or wedding announcements are due Monday, Sept. 6, for the Monthly Album to be published Monday, Sept. 20. Photos and engagements or wedding announcements are due Monday, Oct. 4, for the Monthly Album to be published Monday, Oct. 18.

Engagement announcements will be accepted no later than 45 days prior to the wedding. Wedding announcements must be submitted within 60 days following the wedding. Wedding announcements received past the 60-day deadline will be run only on a space-available basis.

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Photos submitted should be black and white glossy, preferably a vertical shot and 5-by-7 inches in size. Color photographs can be submitted but will not reproduce as well. If you wish to have the photograph back it should be marked "Hold for pickup." Photos will not be mailed back to families. Engagement and wedding information forms can be obtained at the newspaper's information desk from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 805 E. Maple, Birmingham. If you are unable to pick up a form, one will be mailed to you if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is sent to: Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Questions should be directed to the information desk receptionist in the Birmingham office at 644-1100.

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# Sisters from page 1C

The sisters usually get ready for September school days by making some new purchases. "We go on a shopping spree in the fall for their clothes," their mother said. "They come up with half the money. They have been baby-sitting since they were 11. Jenna works part time. They buy their own accessories and shoes."

When Jenna leaves Aug. 28 for BMU, she will be packing many clothes that have been in her wardrobe awhile. "I have some of my good sweaters I'm taking my cable knits," Jenna said. "I'll take summer clothes and fall clothes."

Besides buying their wearing apparel at local stores, "We order a lot from catalogs. We get our coats out of Spiegel. There's not a lot of hassle. She (Jenna) doesn't like to go to the mall because I'm indecisive," Jenna said.

On campus, this freshman will be wearing the kind of comfortable, casual clothes she favored in high school. "I wear a lot of jeans and button-up shirts and cable knit sweaters," she said. "I have a lot of coats. I want to get a black leather jacket with a hood."

Looking to their future, Jenna hopes to go into advertising or teaching. Jackie wants to do something in physical therapy. At Adams High School, Jenna belonged to Students Against Drunk Driving. She also enjoyed doing window displays for her job at Funtana. Jackie belongs to SADD and is in the chess club. She ran track last year and this fall plans to try out for the swim team.

Their father, Art Raschke, is an engineer at the GM Tech Center in Warren and is a volunteer firefighter for Rochester Hills.

"When the girls outgrow their clothes, we usually give them to the Clothes Closet in Rochester (a shop that provides free apparel to the needy)," Linda Raschke said.



Easy does it: Jenna (left) and Jackie Raschke agree loose-fitting tops and shorts are great for leisure wear.

Off the Cuff is an occasional feature that focuses on ordinary people with extraordinary flair for fashion. If you know an Observer & Eccentric area resident — man, woman or child — with a distinctive clothing sense, be it classic, trendy, homespun or outrageous, give us a call at 644-1100, Ext. 243.

## Off the Cuff wants your suggestions

Got a suggestion for an individual The Eccentric can highlight in Off the Cuff, an occasional feature that focuses on ordinary people with extraordinary flair for fashion? If you know an Observer & Eccentric area resident — man, woman or child — with a distinctive clothing sense, be it classic, trendy, homespun or outrageous, give us a call at 644-1100, Ext. 243.

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