

Helping hands

Women of North Farmington members believe in getting involved

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In addition to weekend trips and other special outings, the Women of North Farmington focus on raising money for two organizations.

Farmington Meals on Wheels, which delivers meals to homebound senior citizens, and the Farmington Advisory Council, which offers aid to families with children who have substance abuse problems, receive checks each spring from the organization.

"The group, which includes ap-

proximately 50 members, also underwrites the cost of at least one Goodfellow basket during the holidays.

And although it's December, the Women of North Farmington are gearing up for the biggest fund-raiser of the year — the annual Auction Extravaganza to be held 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Mulrwood Apartments Clubhouse.

Merchants have already gotten calls from club members asking for donations. The auction will include hotel packages, jewelry,

paintings, lamps and restaurant vouchers, among other items. Anyone interested in donating something for the auction should call Norma Bauman, president of the group, at 563-4207.

"More than anything we need transportation gifts, like a train trip somewhere," said Elaine Rousseau, past president and remembrance chairwoman.

"All of our money goes to charity except there's just enough to start the next year's meeting," said Bauman. "We all are working for our charities."

Last year, the group raised \$7,000 from the auction.

In addition to auction items, members also are looking for new members to join the group, which began in 1957 and in a few years grew to more than 200 members. In fact, names were placed on a waiting list, according to Ann Carrier, program director.

When the club first began, members were required to live in Kendallwood Farms. Now the club is open to anyone who wishes to join. The group's name certainly doesn't suit the wide-ranging

organization, Rousseau added.

Members are asking anyone who is interested in joining to attend an 11:30 a.m. luncheon Monday, Dec. 13, at the Botsford Inn during the group's annual Christmas party.

Women of North Farmington meet at different times during the month to accommodate various schedules. The club's motto is "To participate is to enjoy."

"It's a very good place to make good friends," Rousseau said, adding that she began friendships at club meetings that have lasted 25 years.

Club outings range from weekend trips to movies, lunch and the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show.

For more information about the group, call Norma Bauman at 563-4207.

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Needs are for "Adopt a Family," "Adopt a Senior," food and clothing (unwrapped gift), socks and underwear, hats and gloves, pots and pans, all personal items, toys and games, sheets, blankets, towels and washcloths.

BALDWIN CHURCH AND CENTER
P.O. Box 420700
212 Baldwin
Pontiac 48342-0700
332-6101

Provides basic human services (food, clothing, personal hygiene items) and educational experiences to the homeless, single parents, children, and low-income families.

Needs canned and boxed food, plus turkeys and hams, for 250 holidays baskets by Dec. 21. Needs clothing (clean, in-season, especially warm and large sizes), disposable diapers, personal hygiene items (hand lotion, toilet paper, razors, cologne, deodorant, sanitary products), sleeping bags and blankets, new toys for all ages (by Dec. 12), new warm clothing (by Dec. 12), outdoor salt and carpeting for children's tutorial rooms — and paint, tickets to cultural events for three youth programs (75 children), 45-passenger bus, Apple computers, financial assistance and volunteers.

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PONTIAC RESCUE MISSION
35 E. Huron
Pontiac 48342
334-2187

Oakland County's oldest and largest shelter, having served the spiritual and physical needs of those who come to its doors since the early 1940s. Currently serves three meals per day and provides sleeping for 160 persons. In addition to meals, showers, clean bedding and personal hygiene items that are given to residents, it also offers a clothing center which is available for people and families in need. Through counseling and classes, it provides rehabilitation for people wanting to make life changes. It also offers job placement and housing.

Individuals or groups wishing to take part in the ministry LAMB (Ladies Auxiliary & Mentoring Brothers), by providing a special program of any nature, crafts or gifts donations may call 334-2187.

Mission needs the following food items: large institutional-size canned goods of vegetables and fruits, meats of all kinds, brown and white sugar, syrup, gelatin desserts and puddings, nuts, and mayonnaise. Also needs baby products such as powder, formula, milk, food, cribs and high chairs, as well as fitted or single twin-size sheets for beds.

Food donations may be dropped off at north Perry entrance, loading dock and kitchen door. Clothing may be dropped at 90 University Drive, one street down, at old mission site. All food and clothing donations accepted, as well as monetary gifts. Checks may be sent to the Pontiac Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 420420, Pontiac 48342.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
380 S. Bates
Birmingham 48009
644-5832

Nonprofit organization that works in collaboration with other community groups and serves as collection point for three human service agencies during the holiday period.

The Salvation Army needs clothing, small household items for homeless people and for its resale stores (The Community House serves as a collection site for the Salvation Army year-round). Oakland Livingstone Human Services Agency needs canned and boxed food for its resale stores (The Community House serves as a collection site for the Salvation Army year-round). Oakland Livingstone Human Services Agency needs canned and boxed food for its resale stores (The Community House serves as a collection site for the Salvation Army year-round).

FURNITURE RESOURCE CENTER
1730 N. Perry
Pontiac 48340
373-7600

Provides prompt pickup of usable good furniture and appliances, donated by Oakland County residents, to a storage facility for inventory and redistribution, making it possible to freely provide for families in crisis living in Pontiac — along with victims of unexpected disasters throughout Oakland County — with some of the essentials needed to reach a better living environment.

Will accept donations brought to the agency Wednesdays or Thursdays. Financial donations are also accepted. All donations, financial and furniture, are tax deductible.

OPEN DOOR OF UNION LAKE INC.
8050 Coopy Lake Road
White Lake 48386
360-2930

Inter-faith, nonprofit outreach center serving residents of West Bloomfield, Waterford, Commerce and White Lake townships. Distributes food and personal hygiene products on regular and emergency basis to those in need, providing clothing when needed and offering monetary support for utilities and rent when funds are available. Referral services to other agencies also are provided. Volunteer-run outreach center also operates resale shop featuring gently used clothing at affordable prices; craft items on consignment from local crafters; and new merchandise such as religious articles, books, holiday gift items and greeting cards.

Relies on donations of food, used clothing, new and used merchandise and cash from churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals. Cash contributions during this time of year are used primarily to provide turkeys, dairy products and fresh produce to supplement canned goods in holiday baskets. New clothing and holiday gifts for children also are purchased.

To contribute food or clothing, deliver to the Open Door of Union Lake at the above address. Checks should be made payable to Open Door of Union Lake Inc. and mailed to the same address.

PATH (PONTIAC AREA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING)
130 Center
Pontiac 48343
335-1950

Provides its homeless clients with transitional housing by supplying a safe, structured, nurturing environment and programs to foster each client's development of economic autonomy, self-esteem, self-sufficiency and a functional family unit.

Needs financial help to complete the renovation of three homes for homeless women and

children. Volunteer help is needed for day-care center and handyman work.

ROCHESTER AREA CLOTHES CLOSET
44 Mill
Rochester 48307
656-0230

Nonprofit, charitable organization that provides clean, seasonable, serviceable clothing, household items and toys to qualifying community families in need.


Money donations are appreciated. Donations may be used to purchase items in shortages (such as boots, coats and undergarments) for children.

THE ROCHESTER AREA NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE INC.
1234 Ingelwood, P.O. Box 112
Rochester 48308
651-6536

Serves those in need in the Greater Rochester area, including Rochester, Rochester Hills, eastern Auburn Hills, Oakland, Leonard and Lakeville. Helps with food, clothing therapy, transportation and financial assistance.

For the holiday season would like to receive new toys and games for toddlers through teen years, new clothing for these youngsters, food and money for special needs such as dietary problems for seniors, and to supplement the holiday basket programs.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Elmer and Frances Weber



Elmer and Frances Weber celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 11 with a family dinner at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. They were married in St. Cecilia's Church in Detroit in 1933. They have lived in Farmington for the past 22 years.

They have a son, James Weber of Warren; a daughter, Marjorie Homlin of Livonia; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

NEW VOICES

DEBORAH and **STEPHEN AGDORNY** of Ypsilanti announce the birth of **ASHLEY DIAN AGDORNY** Oct. 14 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Dennis and Diane Lie of Farmington Hills and Gary Agdorny of Canton Township.

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