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out the year on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size is limited to ensure quality training.

JOBS PRACTICE

Judy Jones has joined Laura J. Sell Associates, a psychological counseling practice, at 29500 Southfield Road, Southfield. The phone number is (313) 589-4590. The practice counsels adolescents, couples and adults in individual, group or family sessions.

Their specialties include co-dependency, chronic illness, trauma, abuse, divorce, career moves and other mid-life transitions.

TOP SUPPLIER

Dow Chemical's Automotive Materials & Service Group in Southfield has received Saturn Corp.'s Outstanding Achievement Recognition and Quality Recognition awards. The Outstanding Achievement

Award honors quality, delivery, responsiveness and competitive prices in the area of price. The Quality Recognition Award acknowledges performance.

CHILD CARE EXPANDS

Farmington Hills-based Childtime Children's Centers has acquired Little Learners, a chain of six child care centers in the Syracuse and Albany, New York area. The six centers have a com-

bined capacity of 666 children. Childtime said the acquisition is part of its planned growth targeted for specific markets over the next five years. Little Learners has been the largest child care provider in upstate New York since it was founded in 1980.

Harold Lewis, Childtime president and CEO, said the transition from Little Learners to Childtime will be smooth because the two share the same philosophy of edu-

cation and safety.

Childtime, the nation's fourth largest provider of child care and preschool services, has more than 130 centers with an enrollment of 16,000. Their curriculum emphasizes learning through play.

OFFER SIMPLE PAY

The Bank of Bloomfield Hills, at 505 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, has introduced Simple Pay, a bill paying service that doesn't require computers or special equipment.

The bank said customers are

simply required to approve their bills for payment by the bank every month. Bills are paid twice a month and there's no limit on the number of transactions. Customers receive a payment confirmation report and a year-end statement for taxes.

David T. Provost, president and CEO, said Simple Pay is a niche product "between using a CPA to pay bills and your own computer or touch tone phone to handle the job. One is very expensive and the other is very time consuming."

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The event, benefiting Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan, runs July 23-24, at C.J. Barrymore's sports and entertainment complex in Clinton Township.

This year's relay is expected to raise \$23 million for disabled children and adults. Every year, Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan provides therapy, support, disability prevention and screening programs to 30,000 families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

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