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# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Card sales boost non profits

■ More than 60 metro area agencies offer holi-day card sales to benefit their programs.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO



Every holiday season people spend billions of dollars on Christmas cards, and area organizations are hoping to cash in on the trend while raising money for a good cause.

"It's a nice service," said Joan O'Halloran, who is coordinating the Christmas card sale for the American Cancer Society. "Instead of buy-

ALZHEIMER'S: Available from Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield. want their money to be working for

"It's like memorials, more people want to do a memorial to somebody to have that money fighting cancer instead of flowers that are going to

instead of flowers that are going to die."

The American Cancer Society has sold cards for more than 20 years carning \$130,000 last year. O'Halloran said she has seen the market grow for cards.

"When we started, we were probably the only one in town that was doing it," she said. "Now with other organizations selling them, the dollar is stretched more."

Proceeds from the cards sold by organizations like St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills, the Michigan Humane Society, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and Angela Hospice in Livonia go directly to the non-profit groups.

For the American Cancer Society, the proceeds will help the organization in its mission to climinate cancer as a major health problem through research, education and service to cancer patients and their families.

Locally, the cards are available at

the Farmington Hills Discovery Shop, 23330 Farmington Road. Call 477-1081. They are also at 29350 Southfield Road, just north of Twelve Mile, suite 110. Call 557-5353.

The sales are a good way to get the name out in the community, according to Betty Jones, of the Sarah Fisher Auxiliary.

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"The Sarah Fisher Auxiliary is a group of women who do different activities in order to raise money for the children here," she said.

"All the profits are used for things like buying camperships for the kida. We do hope to get a considerable amount of money, but it's also a matter of getting our name out there.

Unlike other organizations, the Sarah Fisher Auxiliary doesn't have the resources to ship out boxes of cards. These can be purchased at the center, 27400 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Angela Hospice in Livonia jumped on the Christmas card bandwagon last year because it recognized the demand that O'Halloran spoke of, said David Ripple, director of public relations.

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Sarah Fisher: One of seven card designs being sold to benefit St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington

"The number of patients and families that we care for each year is getting larger and the response from those patients and families and friends has been great. The response last year was very good, said Ripple.

This year, hospice is selling the cards at a reduced rate of \$8 a dozen or \$20 for three dozen. For more information, call 313-464-7810.

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In order to do this, we have to find ways to raise money, so we have a couple of events every year. This year we will have a cabaret concert on Friday, April 25, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road. Were asking a ticket price of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

We will also have an old fashioned ice cream festival and bake sale on Saturday, June 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Finnish Cultural Center, \$200 W. Eight Mile Road.

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