Bloodmobiles make rounds this month

The following is a list of bloodmobiles in the area for the month of March:
Rochester: March 14—
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Farmington: March 15—
Universalist-Unitarian (Church of Farmington on Halsted Road, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (810) 496-2722.
Southfield: March 15—
6064th USA Garrison on Eleven Mile, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., (810) 798-8988.
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Bloomfield Hills: March 16—
Temple Eath El on Telegraph, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., (810) 546-7712.
Rock Financial Mortgage Company on Telegraph, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (617) 645-7712.
Ven Church on Normandy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (617) 645-7712.
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Ven Church on Normandy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (617) 643-9500.

Troy: March 12 — Standard Federal on Big Boaver, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (610) 643-9500.

Southfield: March 22 — Multiple March 22 a.m. 230 p.m., (610) 661-1307.

Southfield: March 23 p.m., (610) 661-1307.

Southfield: March 24 p.m., (610) 661-1307.

Southfield: March 25 p.m., (610) 661-1307.

Southfield: March 26 p.m., (610) 661-1307.

Southfield: March 27 p

MADD seeks victim's advocates

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You may not know any victims of drunk driving, but that doesn't mean they don't need your help.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving in Oakland County is short on victim's advocates and they are looking for residents willing to volunteer. The loral chapter's 16 victims advocates has dwindled to seven this year.

"We have to do this to replenish our sources," said Carole Ravicchie, president of the Oakland County Chapter of MADD and a sixth-year victims advocate. Tim available to go to court during the day, I'm lucky. A lot of people can't do that."

MADD victim advocates offer emotional support, guidance through the criminal justice system, and assistance finding other support groups for victims of drunk driving and their families.

"We train people how to talk to victims, what to say, what not to say," Ravicchio said, adding, "We learn the whole judicial system so we can walk them right through it. It helps thom understand they have rights."

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While many volunteers are victims of drunk driving themselves, any responsible adult who would like to help others is welcome to register for the statewide MADD Victim Assistance Institute, a two-day intensive training session April 26-27 in Midland Beginning and advanced training will be offered during the 40-hour a day program

designed for volunteers and professionals interested in victim advocacy and assistance. "It's really an important thing and such a satisfying experience to know you can help someone." Ravicchio said. "It gives you a whole different perspective of the grieving process." After training,

After training, volunteers are asked to read books on the subject and write a report demonstrating their knowledge.

When a call for assistance is received, volunteers have the opportunity to help victims on an individual basis in their aren. Advocates are on-call 24 hours a day to lend a write a received, when a consisting we are pust there to listen and they need to ramble. We don't want to ever make them feel we don't have time to listen. The victim-advocate relationship can last up to one year.

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Troy resident Donna Brokenshire knows

the value of the program. Her daughter, Katie was killed at the age of 17 before she had the chance to start her senior year at Athens High School. MADD helped Brokenshire and her husband, Bob, and their other children deal with the less.

The Brokenshires wanted to reput that kindness, so for the past 9 years, Donna Brokenshire has served as a victim's advecate and Bob Brokenshire served as a MADD state chairperson for three years representing the Oakland County Chapter. 'I don't think It dever be able to give as much support back as I received,' Donna Brokenshire said. 'I know how important it was for us.'

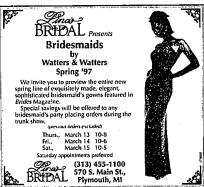
She said that often times friends become distance when there is a loss because they don't know what to say. That's where advectes fill in the gap. 'Sometimes all you need is somebody to say 'hi' to you, 'a he said. Advecates walk victims through the legal system, alerting them to all of their rights and holping bring closure to the accident. One of the rights that MADD stresses is impact statements delivered before sentencing.

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"We can ask some of the questions they might not be aware of," Brokenshire said. "These extra people do hold you up." In 1995, 612 people were killed in alcohol-related accidents, according to Michigan State Police.

MADD works to prevent drinking, supports victims of violent crime, and opposes underage drinking.









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