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From now on, the Miss Farmington Farmington Hills Scholarship Program will be known as "The Greater Farmington Scholarship Program." It is the only Miss America Scholarship Program in lower Oakland County.

And, the reigning beauty queen will be known as "Miss Greater Farmington Farmington Hills." This year's queen is Jennifer Hoemke.

The Miss America Organization awarded over \$32 million in scholarships, which greater Farmington played a major part. About \$3,300 was awarded to the queen and her court.

Program Director Ginny Morris said hopes are to double the local scholarship. "We may not be number one, but we are definitely aiming for the top."

The local organization made several other announcements, including the following:

■ The 1998 pageant will be July 8 at Vladimir's on Grand River and a large party at the Cadillac Cafe will immediately follow.

Application forms for the 25th Scholarship Program may be picked up at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce or by calling 471-9042.

■ Former Miss America and Miss Michigan Pam Eldred has joined the local group. She will be working very closely with this year's contestants and with Hoemke, preparing her for the Miss Michigan Pageant.

■ A Silver Celebration is planned. If you know of, or are a former Miss Farmington, please call Tamara Teets, (810) 912-9494 or pageant headquarters, (248) 471-9042, before May 20, 1998.

According to Collin, his parents helped out too, quizzing him about words such as solstice and vortex. But, to be sure, he played some word games. For example, to help remember the "ice" ending in "rice," he associated the word "rice" with it.

Both of the top two finishers said being good spellers will pay dividends throughout life, and not just as a spelling bee.

"It helps you with school because it makes you a better reader and writer," Adriane said.

Collin said having good spelling skills "just helps you in life. And people understand you better. It just makes the world better."

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work went into preparing those packages, much of it done by community service-minded students such as Farmington Harrison junior Leslie Schrock.

"I had no idea there were this many families in need until I came here," said Schrock, echoing the sentiments of other students working Thursday at the warehouse, loaned to the Goodfellows by Southfield-based Campbell-Manix Construction Company. "I'm in shock. But I'm glad to help out. Things like food we take for granted."

Another Harrison junior, Amy Lindgren, talked about how she and classmates filled toy wish lists submitted by children as part of the Goodfellows "Care and Share Program."

"It's neat to see that kids are going to have a nice Christmas," Lindgren said. "I can just picture the kids when they get their presents."

And then there's all the food. According to Goodfellow veteran Bob Chappell, who oversees food-packing efforts, 27,418 cans were collected this holiday season in Farmington and Farmington Hills — many thanks to canned food drives done at each of the schools in the Farmington district. Boxes of food will probably last families about two months, Chappell said.

Harrison junior Mark Tripp shook his head when he talked about the abundance of canned beef stew, chicken noodle soup and whole kernel corn.

"Before this, I never knew how much people donated," Tripp said. "It's a lot of food. It'll make the families' holiday a lot better."

Besides the high school kids from Harrison, the Goodfellows were last week getting plenty of sort-and-pack help from Farmington High, North Farmington High, Power Middle School, Farmington Alternative Acade-

my and Clarenceville High School students.

"Their help is indispensable," said Dick Tupper, chairman of the Goodfellows. "We have to keep things as organized as possible and it takes those kids to go through and do the sorting."

Tupper said 130 senior citizens and almost as many families in Farmington and Farmington Hills were designated for the care packages and gifts. This year's holiday slogan is "No Child or Senior Citizen Without a Christmas."

Hopping out at the warehouse on Thursday was volunteer and Farmington Hills resident Claudia Buchanan of The Neighborhood House, the nonprofit organization which helps the Goodfellows target those who will benefit from the donations. She also was impressed by the hard-working students.

"I think it's very commendable that there's been so many willing students to give up their time to help," Buchanan said. "It's good to see."

Among those students were Farmington High School sophomore Benjamin York and his sister, Rebecca, who attends Power Middle School.

"I'm glad I'm able to help out and help load up gifts for people that need them," Benjamin York said. "It's great that they (Goodfellows) do this."

Both Yorks agreed they just couldn't believe how much stuff they saw waiting to be delivered to those who are less fortunate — to people who live in a relatively affluent part of Oakland County.

Concurring was Harrison junior Susan Estes. "It's all for Farmington and Farmington Hills and I'm really surprised."



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