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last fall that spotlighted Japanese culture. Greene said, with so many companies doing business with the Japanese, the series served as a link between cultures.

"We reached out to Panasonic and they sponsored the tea and kimono ceremonies," said Greene. "They were eager to sponsor this to raise the comfort level of their own employees who were unfamiliar with the customs. Poland is an emerging country that companies are going to start doing business with. We encourage the public to take part during the student days and we'd especially encourage seniors."

The Cultural Diversity Series is also one of the ways, the arts council raises the awareness of children in a fun manner.

"School classes can come during the day and have a session with an artist or person from this culture," said Greene. "The culture boxes convey different aspects of cultures from their money to clothing and artifacts. When we started the arts council, it was to reach young children. It's heartwarming to see an organization 30 years later recognize its responsibility."

Greene hopes the arts council's Sunday, March 11 dinner/auction fund-raiser, "Escape to the Caribbean" at the

Mayflower Meeting House, will attract anyone in search of a little fun, not just art lovers. Tickets are \$65.

"We're trying to do something different than we've gone before," said Greene. "We're trying to put fun into it. The traditional auction will have a street vendor layout and Junkano musicians will be playing island music. We want people to come and have fun."

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asked the Harholds to foster him. Looking at Harhold's smiling face it's easy to tell that this has been a labor of love.

"We invested in extra thick carpet and padding so when they lay on the floor it's easier on them," said Harhold. "I don't know why we invested in it because they lay everywhere but the floor."

## Long and winding road

Harhold has a history of her own, musically. She's been playing flute since fifth grade and was offered a music scholarship to Wayne State University after graduating from John Glenn High School in 1989. She turned it down and went to work as a police dispatcher in Westland for

three years before getting married. Realizing she missed the instrument, Harhold resumed flute studies with Kallie at Madonna University. She's attending Schoolcraft College full-time to satisfy general education requirements, and then plans to transfer to Madonna to pursue a degree in music performance and music education.

Harhold is looking forward to performing Charles Griffes "Poem," Doppler's "Hungarian Pastorale Fantasy," and Mozart's "Concerto in D Major." Peggy Anderson will accompany her on piano.

All of the musicians are volunteering their talents for the concerts including Kallie, a Madonna University music professor for 20 years. Kallie didn't hesitate when Harhold approached her with the idea to put on a concert to benefit greyhounds.

"I think it's a wonderful cause and I know she's very dedicated to what she's doing," said Kallie, minister of music at Divine Savior in Westland. "I always jump at any chance to perform to show my students to get out and play, and enjoy it."

Kallie and Harhold perform Doppler's "Andante and Rondo," arranged by Harhold, and Pachelbel's "Canon in D."

"What makes the Andante and Rondo fun is it's a light piece," said Kallie, who also performs at a faculty recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kroger Hall at Madonna University. "The Pachelbel was not written for flute but for strings and keyboard. The difficulty is enduring as a flutist. You'll hear me taking large breaths."

## Helping hand

Like Kallie, when Cathy Feldman found out about the concert through the Internet, she couldn't wait to help. The Westland flutist grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy before moving to Arizona and then Los Angeles where she played in several chamber music groups and symphony orchestras. She and Irving, a band director for North Dearborn Heights Schools for many years, will play a duet for flute and clarinet.

"When I saw the posting on the FLUTE LIST for performers for the TLC Greyhound Benefit Concert, I was really pleased to see that it was right here in Michigan," said Feldman. "I really believe in volunteering when I can and getting involved with my community."

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set up an in-home appointment," said Harhold. "To the best of our knowledge, they're in good health. "They're not necessarily housebroken but they are crate trained so that makes housebreaking easier."

Since greyhounds retire at age 5, their prospects are dismal without the help of groups such as TLC Greyhound Adoption. Breeders either euthanize

the dogs or sell them to research laboratories. Thanks to adoption groups which have sprung up over the last several years, breeders now turn the greyhounds over to the groups who find them good homes.

"It's not just right to breed them, race them and kill them," said Harhold. "We want to find as many homes for them as we can."

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"We know them very well too, now," he said with a smile.

Rich thinks Elizabeth has a good shot at playing Annie on Broadway. The Bezzerkos are planning a February trip to New York City to take in a few Broadway shows. While there, Elizabeth will audition for an agent.

But even if she never sets another foot on stage, Rich and his wife Margaret will be content with the growth they've seen in their daughter, including the ability to memorize 90 lines.

"The confidence level has gone up," said Rich Bezzerko. "She's an

all-A student too. She know if her grades slip, theater goes, but she's such a natural. We don't get that nervous any more watching her. She has a beautiful voice and is an excellent dancer."

Kids from Troy, Rochester, Westland and other communities in Wayne and Oakland counties make up the cast of "Annie."

"It's part of the Scottish Rite Mason family outreach program," said Rich. "It gives children outside of school a chance to do more challenging acting than in a drama club."

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