

Employees honored for volunteering

The Detroit Edison Foundation recently donated \$2,250 to three area nonprofit organizations. The donations were made to honor Detroit Edison employees who each have volunteered 100 hours during 1999 with a particular charity of their choosing.

The Detroit Edison Foundation also presented the Detroit Edison employees with the Walter J. McCarthy Jr. Award - the utility's highest-level recognition for employees' and retirees' extraordinary volunteer service efforts. The award was created in 1990 to encourage Detroit Edison employees and retirees to continue the tradition of volunteerism demonstrated by Walter J. McCarthy, Jr., Detroit Edison's chairman and chief executive officer from 1981 to 1990. In order to be eligible to win the award and a grant, current Detroit Edison employees must volunteer at least 80 hours within one year with a particular nonprofit organization, and Detroit Edison retirees must volunteer a minimum of 160 hours.

During 1999, the Foundation awarded \$68,500 in Walter J. McCarthy grants to various Southeastern Michigan organi-

zation in honor of 70 employees and retirees.

The honored Detroit Edison employees are Clarence Mills of Commerce, a mentor with the Lakes Area Youth Assistance program in Walled Lake, William Spencer of Southfield, a parent volunteer at Franklin Road Christian School in Detroit; and Laura D. Stewart of Farmington Hills, treasurer of the Campfire Boys and Girls Wathana Council Board, based in Southfield.

"Volunteer service is an honored tradition at Detroit Edison," said S. Martin Taylor, President and a director of the Detroit Edison Foundation. "The Company has consistently taken a leadership role in actions to improve the quality of life of residents of the communities it serves. Detroit Edison employees have helped build that tradition, contributing their own skills and time to address a wide range of community needs."

Campaign urges women to get mammogram

The American Cancer Society is sending the message this Valentine's Day that early detection of breast cancer saves lives by encouraging metro Detroiters to tell the women they love to get a mammogram.

This effort is part of their year-round campaign, Tell A Friend, which is a personal outreach program that delivers the critical message that early detection of breast cancer saves lives. This program, which enlists volunteers to encourage women over the age of 40 to get a mam-

rogram, will assist the American Cancer Society in achieving its goals of reducing breast cancer mortality by 50 percent by the year 2015. Tell A Friend is based on research which says that roughly 25 percent of all women who get mammograms do so because a friend encouraged them.

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The American Cancer Society will provide Tell A Friend materials and caller kits to all participants.

For more information on breast cancer, mammography and the Tell A Friend campaign, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or locally at 557-5353.

St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center seeks foster parents

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center is looking for dedicated individuals who live in southeast Michigan to serve as foster and adoptive parents for infants, children and teens who have been victims of abuse, have emotional difficulties or other special needs.

Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the center's monthly orientations scheduled on Wednesdays. Upcoming orientations will be held on Feb. 16, March 15, April 12, and May 17 at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m. in the center's foster care and adoption building located at 29476 Inkster, between 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The hour-and-a-half sessions will provide valuable information about the center's programs, training schedules and the requirements and qualifications of foster and adoptive parents. Guests will also have the opportunity to ask specific questions.

Your commitment has the potential to change a child's life. Call the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's foster care and adoption department at (248) 626-7527, ext. 3326, to learn how to help.

Bible seminar set Saturday in Hills church

On Saturday, Jan. 29, the "Walk Thru the Old Testament" comes to Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. "Walk Thru the Old Testament" is part of the "Walk Thru the Bible" seminars.

All the seminars use the interactive learning techniques to help people absorb - and remember - the key characters, geography, and major themes of the Old Testament. Saturday's Old Testament seminar will run about five hours and are suitable for people with a little as well as a lot of a Bible knowledge.

Auditorium floors are turned into maps as people sit or stand near Bible lands and waters. Hand movements and group recitations frequently punctuate the teaching.

For kids in grades one through five, a "Kids on the Book" seminar will be offered. The children will learn the Old Testament through stories, puzzles, and the same learning techniques as the adults.

The church is known for its innovative, entertaining presentation. Anyone interested in attending this learning adventure can call the office of Faith Covenant Church at (248) 961-9191.

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