

Benefit to aid Rescue Mission

The second annual Women Helping Women Luncheon and Fashion Show, presented by The Somerset Collection, will raise funds for the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

The event will be held Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. Ruth Spencer, WDIV-TV4 newscaster, and Teresa Tomeo, speaker and media consultant, will co-host the show.

Created by the Pontiac Rescue Mission, the Women Helping Women Luncheon and Fashion Show allows metro Detroit women to help other women locally and from other regions in their time of need by raising funds for the mission's Women and Children's program.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Grace House, a new shelter for homeless women and children. Currently, the Women and Children's program is housed in

an overcrowded facility. The goal is to raise \$3 million through this event and others to rehabilitate the new Grace House facility on North Perry Street in Pontiac.

Life skills offered
"We offer a balanced curriculum of life skills through various training and educational programs so she can confidently raise her children. To help reach our fund-raising goal, we've packed more excitement and prizes into our Women Helping Women show and we expect another sell-out."

The show is co-chaired by Michelle Neuman, development director of the mission, and

Shannon Clark. It will feature fashions from the Shops and Boutiques of The Somerset Collection. The event also includes a silent auction and raffle prizes, including limited use of a Lexus, Northwest Airlines tickets, one-time use of a Comerica Park suite, and a Fox Theatre suite.

Six women and four children currently in the rescue mission's program will hit the runway as models. These women are currently trying to turn their lives around with the help of the mission and will take part in the glamour of the show alongside professional models. One participant will give her personal testimony of how she was able to change her life for the better.

Tickets for the Women Helping Women Luncheon and Fashion Show are available by contacting Michelle Neuman at (248) 394-2187. The donation is \$50 per person.

Warner student in Mosaic Theatre production

The Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit presents the city/suburban comedy "Crossing 8 Mile" on May 6-7 at Detroit's Music Hall.

Bridget Kennedy, a seventh-grade student at Warner Middle School, is part of the troupe. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$11 for students/seniors, or \$50 for a Gold Circle ticket which supports the Mosaic's summer 2000 European tour.

"Crossing 8 Mile" is a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors." This story of two sets of twins separated during childhood has been adapted many times. It's a comedic look at city/suburban relations using the highly stylized masks and high energy movement of commedia dell'arte style. Mosaic's teens have received critical acclaim and earned invita-

tations to perform across the country and around the world. Mosaic received the 1999 Coming Up Taller award from the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts.

Mosaic has also represented the U.S. at the 1996 World Festival of Children's Theatre in Copenhagen, won the 1998 Governor's Award for Arts and Culture, performed at the Kennedy Center and at the White House in 1999 and was selected as the sole U.S. representative to the World Youth Theatre Festival 2000 in London, England.

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Act of kindness noted by senior

Phyllis Gazzeny, a 50-year Farmington Hills resident, was dismayed last Thursday when her four big plastic bags of garbage placed curbside weren't picked up by sanitation workers.

"It's the first time that happened," said Gazzeny, who noted that she puts out garbage every other week "so they don't have to stop every week for just two bags."

Blind in one eye and walking with a cane, she began tackling the mess as birds and animals tore into the rubble.

"A van stopped and a couple who said they lived just down the street took over the chore," she said. "They were like my guardian angels. They cleaned up the whole mess and hugged me and wished me a Happy Easter."

"They said it was their job as Christians to help people in need. I never got their names. In all my time here, I've never had anyone do something so sweet for me." The senior lives in the 10 Mile and Power Road area.

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