



Billy, Mayor Thomas Ryan, Ann, and JoAnne Keyser in the Mayor's office at the moment he proclaims Spina Bifida Month.



Little Billy Moreland reaches out to Ann Contestable as William Moreland and Paul Contestable look on.

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# Disability Second

To do this, the group sponsors a wide range of activities from recreational to educational throughout the year, as well as providing services and help to individuals and families where birth defects occur.

"And the association is growing, moving in a positive way," she notes. A unique feature of the organization is that it is neither officially funded nor does it charge dues or fees for its services, she observes.

She cites the free distribution of special cycles, specially constructed for children with Spina Bifida, as a case in point.

Mrs. Gullen has a hope. She knows that by standard demographic figuring, there are more than 125 families in the Rochester area where Spina Bifida has occurred. She hopes that more families will accept the organization's invitation to join.

She stresses again that the group "sees people first, handicaps second." As the pictures on these pages demonstrate.

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Mr. and Mrs. Moreland strap Billy into his standing brace.



Tom Turner points out some of the special features of his cycle at his mother, Donna, helps him aboard.



Billy Moreland puckers up to give his friend Jennifer Neufeglise a kiss.