

STAR Program Asks Volunteers To Assist Senior Homeowners

A program which helps more than 550 senior citizen homeowners with such daily concerns as shopping, trips to the doctor and minor home repair is in need of volunteers.

The county-wide STAR program, an operation of the Catholic Family Center with funding from United Way and the Monroe County Office for the Aging, is seeking at least 125 volunteers to augment the work already being done by a 175 volunteers.

According to Sallyann LaBue, volunteer coordinator for the program, there are already 70 senior citizens, either living in their own homes or their own apartments, who have asked for immediate help.



SALLYANN LABUE

Volunteers, she said last week, work in a one-to-one situation, meeting a variety of needs which may arise.

Persons who qualify for help in the program, she said, are at least 60, living in their own places, and without nearby family or close friends on whom they may rely for transportation, assistance with household chores, or other such needs.

She stressed that STAR provides non-medical support.

What is especially needed, she said, is to gather a number of volunteers who would be on call, about once a week, to provide service for a senior citizen. The Catholic Family Center has made a particular appeal to members of parish human development committees to sign up.

Further, she said, the center

is seeking persons with special skills, such as attorneys, to volunteer in the program.

While the program is run under Catholic auspices, she stressed that it serves people of all denominations.

The program, whose acronym stands for Sharing, Touching, Acting and Reaching, was developed at the CFC three years ago, and became fully operative in 1980.

Volunteers are informally trained by CFC staff, and a volunteer support group is now in formation.

Persons wishing further information on STAR are asked to contact Miss LaBue, 546-7220, ext. 70.

St. Mary's Sponsors Seminar on Cancer

Prominent cancer specialists from out of town as well as Rochester will join Oct. 5 to offer a seminar for health care professionals on advances in cancer treatment.

The seminar, "A Brighter Future: Advances in Cancer Treatment," will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Inn/Rochester Airport, 1100 Brooks Ave.

Alex Y.C. Chang, MD,

and Kishan J. Pandya, MD, both assistant professors of oncology in medicine, University of Rochester and St. Mary's Hospital; and John Bennett, MD, professor of oncology in medicine, University of Rochester, will be joined by Ernest C. Borden, MD, associate professor of human oncology and medicine, University of Wisconsin; Juan Posada, MD, Investigational Drug Branch, National Cancer Institute, and Douglass C. Tormey, MD, professor of

human oncology and medicine, University of Wisconsin, in presenting the seminar.

Sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital, the seminar will update treatment for the most common plastic diseases and promising new drugs of the future.

For further information or seminar reservations, the St. Mary's Hospital Public Relations Office should be contacted at 464-3519.

Renewal Weekend Scheduled

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will sponsor a renewal weekend, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 5-7, at St. John the Evangelist School, Greece.

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