

Charities Program for Disabled Faces Extinction despite Praise

A social and recreational program for disabled adults, Project SEED, has in recent weeks been both highly praised and warned it faces termination.

Plaudits for the 18-month-old Catholic Charities program came from the Rochester Center for Independent Living and from the City of Rochester's Office of Human Services Planning (which, perhaps ironically, helps fund the program).

Charities is short of its \$28,000 goal to get a matching city grant to keep the program going for 1984.

Project SEED provides adapted aquatics, weight lifting, exercise, ceramics and other social and recreational opportunities for physically or mentally disabled people in the area.

About 100 people with quadriplegia, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury or other such problems use the SEED program regularly.

In addition, 1,000 others participate in SEED seminars and workshops.

At the recent awards banquet of the Rochester Center for Independent Living, Charities was presented with an award citing Project SEED's "efforts toward achieving fulfillment of independence of the disabled."

Adele Carlson, SEED's director, expressed a "special appreciation for this award, because of who gave it."

"The Rochester Center for Independent Living exemplifies self-direction and independence for persons with disabilities," she said; and "recognition by this particular agency means a

great deal to the staff and volunteers at Project SEED.

"Our philosophy is to encourage independence in all areas of participants' lives, and it is very rewarding that RCIL appreciates our work."

William H. Privett, associate director of Catholic Charities, who supervises the program, expressed Charities' pleasure at the RCIL recognition, but struck a somber note in nearly the same breath.

"It is ironic that a program that has received praise from many referring agencies, and an excellent evaluation from the City of Rochester's Office of Human Services Planning, which funds the

program, and which cited the staff for actually making a difference in participants' lives, is in real danger of closing its doors," he said.

Privett explained that because of a shortfall in United Way contributions, general federal and state cuts in human services, and the resulting excessive demands on private foundations, Catholic Charities is short of its \$28,000 goal needed to match city funds for the project in 1984.

Nevertheless, he said, "We at Catholic Charities are committed to this program and to disabled people. We have faith that somehow, we will find the means to continue this program."

Park Ridge to Build Housing for Elderly

Park Ridge Hospital and Nursing Home have been chosen as sponsors for a 50-unit apartment complex for low-income elderly to be constructed next year with occupancy scheduled for Spring or Summer 1985.

The plans were announced Sept. 22 by the offices of State Senator Alfonse D'Amato and Congressman Barber Conable.

The \$1.8 million, two-story building will be constructed on the northeast corner of the Park Ridge campus on Long Pond Road, Greece.

Construction costs for the facility will be provided through a loan from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Operating monies will be obtained through rents.

Rent subsidies will be available to eligible residents through the HUD Section 8 program.

"There is a tremendous need for these units in this community," said Michael Bierley, Park Ridge Nursing Home administrator. "Studies show that there are several thousand eligible seniors in the town of Greece alone for such housing."

Bierley said that applications from people 62 or older for the one-bedroom units will not be accepted until mid- or late 1984.

Teen Drinking Workshop Set

A workshop to train the staffs of local schools, treatment agencies, police departments and parents to deal with teenage alcoholism and other chemical dependencies is scheduled Oct. 24-28 at Asbury United Methodist Church on East Avenue.

Participants have already been selected for most of the 70 available workshop openings. However, there are several openings for \$350 a person. Participants will learn to deal with adolescent alcohol and drug issues, using local treatment resources. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Youth and Alcohol Task Force of the National Council on Alcoholism and Park Ridge Chemical Dependency. Further information is available from Park Ridge Chemical Dependency, 227-6505.

First Friday

Father Benedict Ehmman will celebrate Mass and speak at the luncheon following the season's opening of the First Friday Luncheon Club, 11:45 a.m., Friday, Oct. 7 in the Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, 670 Thurston Road.

Worldwide ME Calls Meeting

Fairport — Diocesan leaders in Worldwide Marriage Encounter have called a meeting for all those interested, and all those currently involved, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28 at St. John of Rochester parish center, Ayrault Road.

The meeting will include a number of presentations on the philosophy, structure and organization of the diocesan establishment of the movement.

Among those involved are Dan and Sissy Mahoney, Hornell; John and Pam Notebart, Livonia; Bob and Gloria Brennan, Perry; Leo and Meg Lynch, Churchville; Denie and Dee Stemmler, Webster; and Father John Murray, CSB, St. John Fisher College.

ME Info

Ithaca — A Marriage Encounter information night will be held 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Women's Community Building, 100 W. Seneca St.

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NAZARETH EVENTS

Features improvisational humor, Second City, 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, main auditorium, Nazareth Arts Center. Tickets, \$8; students \$6: Musica Antiqua Koin, chamber music, 3 p.m., Sunday Oct. 9, main auditorium, Nazareth Arts Center. Tickets, \$10, students \$8: Tour of Widmer Wine cellars, visit to Cumming Nature Center, lunch at Wild Winds Farms Restaurant with Nazareth League, 9 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11. Tickets available at Development Office, 586-3072; Open House in Nursing Department, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11, Forum, Otto A. Shults Community Center. Nurses interested in working toward a baccalaureate degree are welcome: Columbus Day celebration, sponsored by Casa Italiana, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12, Rm. A-13, Nazareth Arts Center. Free.

SUNDAY DANCES - Sponsored by 31-61 Socialites, 2 to 5 p.m., beginning Sunday, Oct. 9, Hof-Brau Haus, 406 Lyell Ave. For more information contact Dot Benner, 436-7032.

GALLERY ACTION - Concert, "The Human Voice Exalted: Portrayed in Favorite Arias" sponsored by the Ausonia Heritage Preservation Foundation, Inc., 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11, Rochester Art Gallery auditorium. Admission is free: 1983 fall lecture series features Don Bujnowski presenting a lecture and walking tour, "Architectural Fiber," 10:30 a.m., gallery auditorium. Free to members; free to non-members with gallery admission.

NFP SESSION - Sponsored by Natural Family Planning Education of Rochester, 7:30-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, main conference room, Rochester General Hospital.

AT THE MUSEUM - The

Social History of Samplers, featuring noted historians and needle workers in a day-long symposium, sponsored by the Rochester Museum and Science Center History Department and Research Division, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8. Registration \$20, full-time students \$10. Call 271-4320, ext. 441 for registration packet: A sampling of embroidery traditions, featuring displays of textiles from RMSC's collection and demonstrations of embroidery techniques and traditional designs, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, second and third floors, museum. Free with museum admission.



SKATE AMERICA - International figure skating competition beginning with practice rounds on Monday, October 10 and the opening ceremonies at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 and continuing through Saturday, Oct. 16, Rochester War Memorial. Tickets are \$2 each for practice sessions and compulsory figures. All other tickets are \$8 and \$6 and are available at all Ticketron locations, at War Memorial Box Office, and by mail through the War Memorial Box Office. An all-events ticket is \$50 and available only through the War Memorial Box Office.

FORUM - "Latin America's Social Catastrophe" will be addressed by Dr. James Horn, associate professor of History and former president of the New York State Latin Americanists, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5 in the Gold Room of Edwards Hall, SUNY Brockport. **LECTURE** - On "Breaking the Age Barrier," by Maggie Kuhn, founder of the national Gray Panthers movement, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11, Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary auditorium. **TONIGHT** - Jazz pianist Bill Dobbins on stage, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5, Kilbourn Hall. Free.

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