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Clients at DePaul Mental Health Service's adolescent group home for independent living in Gates are required to cook their own food, clean, and take care of their personal finances.

Genesee Hospital rescue ends with arrest of 19 demonstrators

By Rob Cullivan
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ROCHESTER — Eleven men and eight women — both Catholics and Protestants — were arrested and arraigned on charges of criminal trespass and resisting arrest Thursday afternoon, March 29, following an anti-abortion "rescue mission" inside the women's clinic at The Genesee Hospital's Doctor's Office Building.

Twelve of the demonstrators faced additional charges of obstructing governmental administration after they locked arms to bar police from helping a woman in the clinic alleged to be "hysterical" by Dr. Ruth Schwartz, one of the clinic's practitioners. Two other people were charged with second-degree criminal trespass.

Outside the Alexander Street building, about 25 pro-life protesters staged a demonstration supporting the activists inside

Grant to expand Restart

ROCHESTER — Catholic Family Center's Restart Substance Abuse Services Program has recently received a \$150,401 combined grant from Monroe County and New York State.

The grant will enable Restart to expand its outpatient services by 100 patients.

"We will be gradually increasing our capacity to 300 patients by September," said Carolyn Portanova, executive director of Catholic Family Center, in a prepared statement.

Five new staff members will be added to Restart, enabling the organization to focus services on such groups as Hispanics, women, and clients who carry the AIDS virus.

A staff member will work with inmates in the Monroe County Jail to prepare them for release and referral to treatment programs, Portanova said.

the building. Jerry Crawford, executive director of Project Life, led the protesters inside the clinic, while David Long, the group's chairman, coordinated the demonstration outside, Long said.

Crawford and the demonstrators entered the women's clinic on the third floor of the doctor's building at 12:45 p.m., according to Mary Dain, one of the rescue participants. There they staged a sit-in, blocking entrances to the clinic. Six pro-choice counter-demonstrators marched on the other side of Alexander Street, meanwhile.

When asked why the activists blocked the police from helping the "hysterical" woman, Long noted that the last three of his group's rescues have been interrupted by incidents with "hysterical" patients. He charged that Dr. Schwartz created a "hoax" by telling police she had to get into the clinic to help the woman.

Schwartz had not responded to calls to her office regarding Long's charges in time for the *Catholic Courier's* deadline.

The demonstrators were arraigned on their various charges in City Court Friday, March 30, Dain said. They must appear again in court Tuesday afternoon, April 10, she said.

Cenacle plans AIDS panel

ROCHESTER — An AIDS bereavement panel is scheduled for the Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal, 693 East Ave., Rochester, on Monday, April 23, from 7-9 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the Cenacle and Mending Hearts, a support group for those who have lost a loved one to AIDS, the panel will examine the needs of survivors of people with AIDS, and means of helping those who deal with them.

The panel is free, but donations will be accepted. Registration is necessary by April 20. Call 716/271-8755

DePaul to receive funds for broader drug program

By Rob Cullivan
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ROCHESTER — DePaul Mental Health Services will use recently allocated funding to expand its Drug Education and Prevention Program, which serves the center's two adolescent group homes and its adolescent outpatient services, according to spokeswoman Janice M. Bamford.

In February, the center received an \$85,000 grant from the New York State Task Force on Integrated Projects for Youth and Chemical Dependency, Bamford said, noting that the bulk of the money will go toward the hiring of a consultant. The new consultant will train staff working with adolescents who are at a high risk for drug abuse.

"At least 90 percent of the kids in our program have one drug- or alcohol-dependent parent," said Howard Camp, director of DePaul's adolescent group home program. The training made possible because of the grant will enable staff members to recognize the adverse effects living with an addicted parent can have on an adolescent, he said.

The training will also enable DePaul to streamline its patient assessment process, Camp said, adding that — in the past — DePaul would recommend that an outside agency evaluate an adolescent patient who appeared to come from a drug-dependent family and who was seeking treatment at DePaul. Such a process could delay a patient's eventual treatment for months.

Once the center's staff is trained,

however, DePaul will be able to evaluate patients who previously would have been sent to outside agencies, he said.

Bamford said that 40 to 50 families will participate in DePaul's drug education and prevention program. She also noted that two other agencies — Catholic Family Center and Action for a Better Community — wrote letters supporting DePaul's application for the state grant.

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