

## Violence

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And the emergency room at St. Mary's Hospital, 89 Genesee St., will inaugurate an anti-violence program next month in cooperation with the organization, Southwest Area Committed To Health or SWATCH, according to Dr. Charles M. Harden, emergency room director.

The new program will enlist volunteers from SWATCH to follow-up on victims and perpetrators of violence who use the emergency room for treatment. SWATCH will offer mediation and other services for families involved in disputes, commented Jerald L. Noble, director.

In addition to these examples, the city's Catholic churches and Catholic Family Center are supporting a gun-control measure slated to come before Rochester's City Council this week.

But none of these approaches will work unless individuals commit themselves to ending violence, DiGennaro emphasized. And ending that violence starts by ending society's neglect of its young, he argued.

Organizations such as Catholic Family Center and the YMCA offer various athletic, employment and educational programs that serve thousands of young people, he noted. But the average lay Catholic can also help out by simply paying attention to the lonely or disenchanted young people among them, he said.

"Identify a young person and 'adopt' that one person," he said. "You can't go out and help a mass. You need to take responsibility for one youth."



At the House of Mercy, Sister Grace Miller, RSM, has a bulletin board on her office wall covered with funeral announcements of friends and visitors, many of whom were victims of violence.

*'Violence ... (a)ffects all of us and each of us must do our part to create a climate which rejects violence.'*

Clayton H. Osborne, chairman of  
Community Mobilization Against Violence

## Retired nurse

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Jefferson Avenue center lost federal funding in late 1986 and was on the verge of closing its doors. There was one problem, though. Wims refused to literally turn over the key of the building to Westside.

Using her own savings, Wims kept paying the center's bills. She eventually enlisted the help of health-care workers, churches and other organizations to keep the service operating.

"Her personal will to make things work just rallies people around her," Putnam said, noting that he converted to her cause when he directed Westside Health Services from 1984-85.

"She did good work down there," he emphasized.

Wims did so much good work that Putnam convinced Patrick Madden, president of St. Mary's Hospital, to support her efforts. The hospital funded some renovation work at the health center when it moved to its current location in 1988, and changed its name to Faith Community. The hospital regularly provides doctors, nurses and other professionals to aid the center.

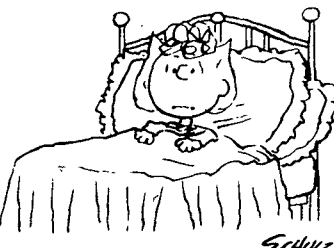
Wims called another St. Mary's employee, Ann Bailey Berry, public relations director, "my mentor," because Bailey helps her out with a quarterly newsletter, networking, and grant applications. Bailey Berry serves as secretary of the center's board of directors.

"She works nearly every day of the week," said Bailey Berry of Wims. "And even on her days off, she worries whether everyone's needs are being met."

Wims would shrug off such praise if she heard it.

"You not only give but you get," she said of her work. "You meet friends you'd never meet."

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