



Michalec offers a comforting hand to hold while Mary Young of the Monroe County Health Department gives Angie Anderson her shot.

Student offers aid to migrants



Marcella Morales Ross serves as translator as Michalec interviews a resident of the Sodoma migrant camp for possible medical problems.

Jennifer Michalec, who will be a senior at the University of Notre Dame this fall, has spent eight weeks of her summer vacation administering medical care to Brockport's migrant community.

The psychology and pre-med student from Weston, Conn., worked with Brockport's Oak Orchard Community Health Center, visiting and attending to the health-care needs of migrant laborers and children in the area.

The Rochester Notre Dame Alumni Club sponsored Michalec's summer service project as part of the South Bend, Ind. university's Center for Social Concerns. Since 1980 the center has provided ND students and alumni the opportunity to address and raise awareness of certain injustices related to social issues.

Michalec, who is thinking about becoming a pediatrician, said she was first inspired to enter the medical field when she was taken to New York City's Bellevue Hospital after fainting on the way to Grand Central Station. At the same time she observed an emergency room filled with children in need of medical care, she recalled seeing a nearby room of doctors who she perceived were not moving quickly enough to aid the youths.

Her concern for children's welfare and that of the poor has carried over into her work with the migrant workers. "My problems do not seem as bad because there are people who are struggling to survive," Michalec said.

Although medical school is in her immediate future, she would like to continue to work on similar outreach programs. "I could write a book, each day is different. I would love to come back and do it again," she said.

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received his TB shot at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School.