How can we expect our children to know and experience the joy of giving unless we teach them that the greater pleasure in life lies in the art of giving rather than receiving. James Cash Penny





"Sandra, Please share this, if possible, with the team members involved with the inspection and resulting repair and replacement of unsafe heating systems. Bev was on vacation last week when we were working on getting heating systems for her clients up and running and was shocked to learn that some of her clients were livening in potentially life threatening situations. One saved life, makes the hard work on everyone's part worth it." Nancy, Volunteer Coordinator

"Thank you so much for assisting with the arrangements for my clients to have furnace inspections. The results of the visits to the homes are an indicator of how needed and valuable this program is. I am extremely grateful for the potential lives saved (literally) by this service and would like those involved to know how much their time and energies are appreciated. Thank you." Bev. Adult Services Worker

Phone call . . . "Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you, I can't believe you put a new furnace in for me. I haven't had it checked in years because my friends said they would probably shut it down. I can't thank you enough, I can't remembers when I've been this warm." Recipient



#### Greater Michigan

Greater Michigan PMC was host for Heat's On. Through the combined efforts of both PMC and Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 190, the project, which is in it's 16<sup>th</sup> year, covered two counties, Washtenaw and Livingston.

In all, the contractors, by donating their trucks, and the Local 190 Volunteers, donating their time, provided free safety inspections and repairs of heating systems in



Washtenaw and Livingston County. In addition to the service work, each home was provided with a fresh carbon monoxide detector, and either a new smoke detector or fresh batteries for their existing smoke detectors. These homes, thanks to the efforts of PMC and Local 190, will be safe and warm this winter.

Both the PMC and Local 190 participate in numerous activities during the year; without a doubt this is the favorite of all. We do such a number of return calls. When the service personnel walk in usually the recipients have snacks ready for the workers. It's a great relationship to build with the community.



#### Ferris State University HEAT'S ON Project

Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter held their fifth HEAT'S ON Project. The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for



the past six years. They enjoyed their participation, but felt they wanted to do more for the Mecosta County where Ferris State University is located. The Chapter took on the monumental task of scheduling a project for their hometown, working with the Mecosta County Family Independence Agency. Then calls were made to have volunteers participate from MSCA contractors and chapters throughout the state.

Trucks came from Ann Arbor, Johnson Controls, Boone & Darr, Comfort Zone; Flint, Goyette Mechanical Company, and Grand Rapids, Hurst Industries. Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and her Assistant Lily Calmeyn, from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter

Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU were also in attendance.

The appointments had been pre-set, reviewed and confirmed by MSCA. Chapter sponsor Sandra Miller reviewed the procedures for the service calls and discussed the forms and paperwork that needed to be done.



# Stacy Allison – Teamwork and Leadership

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the Ferris State MSCA Student Chapter provided at no charge, a nationally known speaker, Stacy Allison, to the students of Ferris State University.



Stacy's mission is to motivate people to move beyond limitations and reach for their dreams. She challenges her audiences to lay the foundation for risk taking by accepting

full responsibility for their lives. She also emphasizes the importance of recognizing and valuing everyone's contribution as a team member in life's pursuits. As the first American woman to summit Mt. Everest, Stacy Allison brings a vast range of experiences and knowledge to her energetic and dynamic presentations.

### Supporting Our Youth



The Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association (PMC) continues to be an active participant in community youth activities. Another proven way to reach youth is to be visible in their programs.

To that end, PMC is proud to be a 2004 Sponsor of sporting teams such as the Dexter Little League the Ann Arbor Wolves Hockey Team, the Ann Arbor Angels Baseball Club, and Howell Hawks Baseball Team.





**Packets for Military Personnel** 

The Association, along with our younger support teams, put together Christmas care packages for the solders in Iraq. The students went shopping, after taking the time to research the internet, for the items the soldiers needed most.

Packets, Christmas Cards and candy were packed and taken to the Howell Armory and sent to a division from the Livingston County area.



With hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops deployed around the world, actively

engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the fight against terrorism, the USO is offering a way to send a reminder to the troops that they are appreciated and have not been forgotten.

Due to heightened security, individuals can no longer send letters and packages marked for delivery to 'Any Service Member'. Endorsed by the Department of Defense, the USO program "Operation USO Care Package", provides individuals with a way to touch the lives of our deployed troops around the world.

The USO is sending care packages that include requested items such as pre-paid worldwide phone cards, sunscreen, travel size toiletries, and messages from Americans who want to thank them for their service. As days turn into weeks and weeks into months, reminders from home are welcomed by the troops. If you would like to consider contributing, further information is available at guestions@usocarepackage.org.

#### Flights for Kids



"When the barrier between a desperately ill child and medical treatment is distance . . . Miracle Flights for Kids makes the miles disappear."

This is the motto of Miracle Flights, an organization of private pilots who donate their time, aircraft and fuel to fly needy children to hospitals and medical centers. Along with private pilots, due to the tremendous distances traveled, many of the flights must now be booked on commercial airlines, at great financial cost. This is where organizations like ours can assist with donations of free miles on airlines, and monetary contributions. Miracle Flights for Kids honored the PMC for sponsoring the cost of transportation of children to specialized medical treatment facilities.

## **Behavior Workshop**



Greater Michigan PMC is in its second year supporting the Behavior Workshop. The Behavior Workshop is a nonprofit youth development and community improvement

organization, working to introduce positive alternative lifestyles to the at-risk-populations throughout southeastern Michigan.

Behavior Workshop provides an Activity Center that features a library, play area, computer workstations and a game area. It keeps after school-hours during the school year and is open during the summer providing lunches along



with activities. Their mission is to assist families in removing barriers from their lives that will stunt their growth and development.

This year our involvement included sponsoring computer parts for their C.A.P.S. Program. C.A.P.S. is an 8 week after school computer-building workshop for disadvantaged youths aged 10 – 17 who reside in low income housing. The workshop teaches basic hardware and software concepts and successful assembly of the P.C. The long term objectives are to improve youth academic performance and school attendance, develop model students with possible careers in computer technology, decrease dropout rate by creating youth interest in computer building, and to decrease juvenile delinquency by implementing effective after-school programs for at-risk youth.

We were also sponsors of the 2006 Youth Retreat at Cedar Point. Pictured are children that were able to attend this retreat as participating members of the Center.

# Friends in Deed



One of the organizations that we help each year is the *Friends In Deed*. We assist with the newsletter, printing it and other brochures, and financially support their Bed Drive that is held annually around Christmas time.

The drive provides new beds for families. Friends In Deed is a program we first became involved in through Mary Jean Zill, wife of Board Chairman Lloyd Zill, **(pictured right)** who was a long-time volunteer at the organization.



### Salvation Army

By supporting the Staples Family Center, the PMC is working to improve lives and the strength of our community. The Salvation Army's Ken and Marianna Staples Family Center is more than just a place to stay for the families and individuals who reside there. It is a home with a caring and supportive atmosphere. During their 90-day stay, residents work toward establishing greater selfsufficiency with the goal of being able to move into permanent housing and employment. With the aid of individual casework

services, residents address the causes at the root of their homelessness while enacting permanent, positive change in their lives.

A program for Washtenaw County homeless veterans was initiated under the umbrella of The Staples Center. The former Arbor Haven, now the Veterans



Haven of Hope House, has been converted into a transitional housing unit for up to seven male veterans. An additional four veterans (males, females and family members) will be housed in The Staples Family Center. It is only through the support of The Festive Affair and its generous contributors over the past 15 years that The Staples Family Center and its residents have been able to thrive.

### **Three Day Walk for Cancer**



The PMC sponsored a walker for Three-day Walk for Cancer, who lost her mother to the disease, just after her walk. We thought the best way to describe the program is to hear in her own words.

"My mom (and my dad) was so happy and proud of me, my friend I walked with and all of my supporters. I am proud and we all should be, my mom really enjoyed herself at the walk. My mom and dad both attended opening ceremonies (she was in a wheel chair because she got tired so easily, but she didn't miss it!!) and then they were at the cheering stations along the way and at closing ceremonies at the end. I am so happy and

thankful that I was able to do the walk while my mom was still alive and that she was able to be a part of my journey. I told my mom and so did Elena (my walking buddy) that we were going to do the walk in 2007 and my mom said she was going to do it with us. I truly wish she could. I really do



miss her but Elena and I are definatly going to walk again in 2007. I am planning to do it every year until I physically can't do it anymore. I will now be doing the walk in memory of my mom and I know that the walk in 2007 will be very emotional for me because she wanted to do it with us, but I know she will be looking down on me and her spirit will be with me every mile I walk.

Thanks again for helping my mom and I have such a great experience at the 2006 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer."

## Student Building Program

The PMC developed a new calendar featuring highlights of the *Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program* from Ann Arbor Public Schools. The 2006 house is pictured to the left.



Throughout the years, the Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association has had participation from not only the contractors who sat on the Board of Directors, but also through the PMC staff.

Diane Calmeyn took the PMC President's place on the Board over eight years ago, and have greatly enjoyed working with the students, introducing them to the many benefits of our industry.

As this program, amazingly, completes its 37th year, it stands as a remarkable tribute to the dedication and hard work of the many individuals who have participated. Volunteers on the Board of Directors, the Presidents and Builders of Record, the Instructors and their Assistants, the Schools and School Boards, Contractors and Labor Unions, and most importantly the Students, will always be able to point with pride to their accomplishments.

#### We salute all who have worked so hard to make this the premier program of its type in the Country.

The Greater Michigan PMC is enormously proud of our involvement in this program over the past three decades, and we were honored to have had the opportunity to prepare and sponsor this years calendar highlighting the industry with the great program we have here in Ann Arbor.



The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program

# Habitat for Humanity



The PMC membership continues to be actively involved in Habitat for Humanity. This year we are sponsoring fourteen houses where the PMC pays for the materials to do the mechanical work at homes, and UA 190 members donate the time to do the installation.

In addition to our members donating money and materials for the projects, they also donate the contractors' trucks and tools for the installations.



A number of the members' employees are involved in local projects and volunteer their evenings and Saturdays to work on the homes.

## Secret Santa's

The PMC has participated for a number of years in the Secret Santa Program through the local Family Independence Agencies.

For the fourth year we have also helped a very special family that was having problems making Christmas the



experience they wanted due to limited financial resources. They have nine children they've adopted after having them as their foster children. The majority of the children they have adopted are "special needs" children. We could think of nothing more important at this time of the year that we could do, that better exemplified the



season than helping this special family.

So, we made the decision to adopt them, again. Associates at our office shopped for specific presents with a little help from their children. We were more than happy to help Santa along with such a large number to provide for.

## Supplies for Students

Greater Michigan PMC is always looking for ways to introduce school children to the mechanical and plumbing industry at

younger ages. PMC sponsors the "Supplies for Students" program which donates materials to teachers and advertising in yearbooks, sporting programs and posters.



