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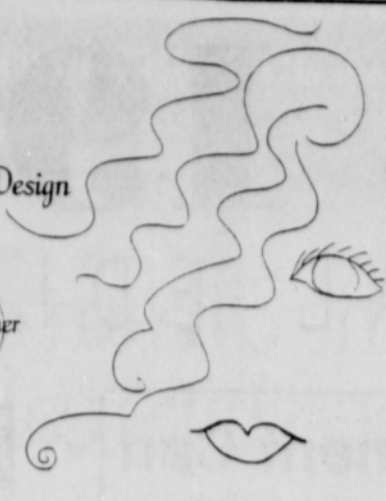
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United Way Teens Help Peers With Summer Planning

Summer employment for young people doesn't always mean frying hamburgers or washing cars. For Contessa Menefee and Emanuel Mosley, it means helping peers find useful information and summer activities.

Contessa and Emanuel staff the phones for United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's Summer Youth Help Line. Young people from throughout the Portland/Vancouver area can call them to receive information and referral on training and employment, recreation and sports, and volunteer opportunities.

The key to the service is providing youth the opportunity to talk to people their own age. "They really don't have a problem when they talk to us," said Emanuel, who is 16 and most recently attended Grant High School. "I probably could have used the help line last summer when I was looking for a job,"

he said.

A Benson High School graduate, Contessa is 18 and will attend Seattle University in the Fall. In addition to helping her peers by working for the youth line, Contessa said she is helping herself by making some extra money for college.

United Way staff provided Contessa and Emanuel with basic training on how to collect information from callers and how to access appropriate responses and referrals. Both agreed they are anxious to get more phone calls and put their training to the test.

Young people and parents can call United Way's Summer Youth Help Line at 227-KIDS (5437). Sponsored in part by a grant from Oregon Outreach, Inc., the service operates between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday until August 9.

The Transition Home Program

The Transition Home is a short term 90 day program which serves high risk female adolescents in transition (ages 12-18). The type of services the home provides include: Preparing adolescents with liveability skills, teaching youth to work in her own community and providing support services including mentor program, counseling, and self-esteem workshops. The Transition Home is a program for adolescent females in the North/Northeast area who need a home to live in until they can either return to their families, become emancipated or learn independent living. During their stay in the home, these girls must attend school, take part in peer group, family and individual counseling, participate in job search and do volunteer work in the community.

Communication, self esteem and nurturing positive relationships are some

of the qualities and skills these adolescents acquire and develop while making the transition from a dysfunctional lifestyle to one that is positive and functional. Upon entry to the program, goals will be set and whatever support is needed to meet these goals during the stay will be made available whenever possible.

In the Transition Home program there are house rules to follow, chores to do, appointments to make and keep, homework to do, and volunteer work to do. Basically, the objective is for the girls to become more responsible, productive citizens in our community. Referrals can be made by calling Carol Lomax, Program Manager, at 283-6452, Tuesday through Friday from 9-5 or the Give Us This Day office at 288-4335. Referrals are accepted from local churches, school counselors, organizations, parents and families.

Multicultural Celebration

The Sabin Community is planning a Multicultural Celebration and Community Resources Fair. The festival will take place on Sunday, July 21st, 1-7 p.m. at the Sabin School and playground (4013 NE 18th). Plans are for a gala event that will promote positive interactions among neighbors and various cultures from inner NE Portland.

There will be entertainment stages, ethnic foods, community resource organizational booths, and exciting children's activities. Boka Marimba, rap groups, gospel music, Native Ameri-

can dancers, a Japanese tea ceremony and fan dance, Eastern European dancers, and many other groups will provide entertainment. Throughout the day there will be multi-cultural crafts, storytelling, and games for children. There will be a raffle with multitudes of prizes, and seniors sharing stories of our neighborhood history. Family fun for all ages!

The festival is sponsored, in part, by self-help seed money from the Oregon Community Foundation's Neighborhood Partnership Fund.

United Way Distributes \$10 Million Using New Funding Approach

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette has announced the distribution of nearly \$10 million to human service programs throughout the Portland/Vancouver area. Just under 200 programs will receive funds between July 1, 1991, and June 30, 1992.

Community volunteers used United Way's new "Three-track" model to help decide funding priorities. By providing clear comparison of similar programs, three-track helps volunteers make funding decisions based on which programs are better servicing specific needs.

"As money for human services becomes scarce in Oregon, it's vital that United Way dollars be spent in the most efficient manner possible," said Ronald B Gould, chairman of the board, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and partner-in-charge of audit, Deloitte & Touche. "The three-track approach makes it possible for volunteers to target resources to the programs that address the greatest needs in our community."

The programs, which are admini-

stered through 98 local human-service agencies, are categorized into three areas of service, including:

*human development (problem prevention) programs addressing such needs as health education, child care and social development.

*problem solving programs addressing such issues as homelessness, family violence and learning disabilities.

*systems support programs addressing such community needs as volunteer development, education and government relations.

"By separating services into these three tracks, we don't have child care competing against adult drug abuse when it comes to funding," Gould explained.

This year's fund distribution also reflects United Way's increasing effort to support more preventive programs. "In response to community priorities, we've shifted more money into the human development track" said Gould. "If you can help a child get a good start on life, there won't be a need for solving drug abuse or teen pregnancy problems later on."

Goldschmidt to speak

Neil Goldschmidt will speak on International Trade in the 90's ITC Luncheon, co-sponsored by Oregon Business Network on Thursday, 11:30

AM, July 11, at The Greenwood Inn, Beaverton. Tickets, reservations or further information: Sherry Alexander, 774-0090.

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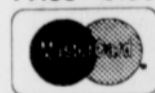
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