

ORANGE SENTINEL EAST

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Volunteers to do the jobs listed below are needed by social service agencies in Orange and Seminole counties. If you are interested in volunteering, call the Volunteer Center of Central Florida, a clearinghouse for recruitment and placement, at 896-0945:

-- Assisting office staff for Straight Inc., a treatment center for adolescent drug abuse, Orlando.

-- Helping with bowlathon for Haven Home Inc., an agency that provides affordable housing to senior citizens living on limited income.

-- Being a Big Brother to a troubled boy for Advent Home Youth Services, Zellwood.

-- Playing games and visiting profoundly retarded children for Kradle Kare, Maitland.

-- Staffing gift shop and helping with Pioneer Days for Pine Castle Center of the Arts, Orlando.

-- Helping with project to educate children not to smoke for the American Cancer Society, Orlando.

-- Teaching aerobic dancing to inmates for Orlando Detention Center, Orlando.

-- Sorting and transporting goods to consignment shop for We Care, Orlando.

-- Relieving full-time caregivers of memory-impaired persons for Alzheimer Respite Program, Orlando. Training starts Tuesday.

-- Helping to clean up yard for Frontline Outreach, Orlando.

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- Helping with benefit Oct. 9 at the Omni Hotel, Orlando, for the American Heart Association.
- Acting as hostess for luncheons, meetings and classes for American Red Cross, Orlando.
- Doing light clerical work for Central Florida AIDS Unified Resources, Orlando, during the day.
- Providing assistance in financial management to homebound elderly program at Council On Aging, Orlando. Training provided.
- Giving care to terminally ill patients and their families for Hospice of Central Florida, Maitland. Training provided.
- Acting as residential adviser by helping clients reach their goals for Pasadena Lodge Mental Health Services of Orange County.
- Attending booth on Sept. 24 at Crowne Plaza for Parent Resources Center, Orlando.
- Visiting elderly residents and helping with bingo and bowling games for Palm Garden, Orlando.
- **Sharing clerical skills with Straight Inc., treatment center for adolescents, Drug Abuse Center, Orlando.**

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AUCTION TO AID CENTER

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CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED. Straight Inc., a program that helps young drug abusers and their families, is looking for contributions that can be auctioned off to raise money during its fourth annual benefit auction. Volunteers can pick up donated articles if necessary. The bidding starts at 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at Maitland Civic Center, 641 S. Maitland Ave. Proceeds will be used to provide free services at the residential treatment center at 2400 Silver Star Road. To donate, call Barbara Fingerman at 291-4357.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

CALLING ALL HOMEOWNERS. The Orange County Homeowners Association will have an open forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday for members and others to share their problems and accomplishments. The group, an umbrella organization for homeowner groups in the county, will meet in the Oak Room of the Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd. Members of newly formed homeowners associations and those interested in forming an association are invited. For more information, call OCHA president, Cheryl Budzinski, at 295-8165.

DOWNTOWN SEAGRAVE HOUSE

PARENTS WHO CARE. Seagrave House needs special parents to join the team parent network, an organization of foster parents who open their homes to children with emotional problems. Children placed in the network range from 7 to 17 years old, have varied backgrounds and a common need for a caring, stable family environment where they can grow and mature. Team parents are licensed by the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and are paid a monthly stipend to help meet some of the child's basic expenses. A new training session will begin once there are enough interested parents. Those interested in joining should call Evelyn Melendez, program director of the network at 425-4491.

NORTH WINTER PARK

PREMATURE AND HIGH-RISK CHILDREN. Neo-Care, a resource network for families of premature and high-risk children will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Kress Memorial Church of Seventh-day Adventists, 746 Formosa Ave., to discuss home monitors. Ginny Marshall, vice president of Pediatric Home Specialties, will discuss how to live with a medical monitor. Baby-sitting will be provided for children with special needs. For more information, call 774-1754 or 331-3771.

SOUTH ORLANDO CENTRAL PARK

CONSUMER ISSUES. Consumers will have the opportunity to discuss their concerns with federal Food and Drug Administration staff during an FDA Consumer Exchange meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Federal Drug Administration office, Suite 120, 7200 Lake Ellenor Drive. The purpose of the meetings is to let consumers participate in the agency's decision-making and help establish priorities for current and future health concerns. Space is limited, so those interested in attending should call Lynne Isaacs, consumer affairs officer at 855-0900.

Memo: NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOOK Contributions to Neighborhood Notebook, compiled by C.A. Glover, are welcome. Send typewritten announcements for consideration by editors to Neighborhood Notebook, Metro Department, The Orlando Sentinel, P.O. Box 2833, Orlando, Fla. 32802. Please include the name and daytime phone number of a person to call for more information. Items must be received by the Monday preceding publication.

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SIGN SIGNALS START OF ANTI-DRUG WAR

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In another attack on the seemingly incessant demand for drugs, the city's police department unveiled Wednesday a new campaign to convince youngsters that using drugs isn't cool.

"Twist and shout, drugs are out," is the message to pre-teens, teen-agers and their parents that will be spread throughout schools and civic organizations.

Borrowed from a Walt Disney World logo, the campaign art shows two cats dressed in 1950s garb dancing to twist songs. A colorful billboard at the intersection of Hattaway Drive and State Road 436 "will be like a beacon in our city," said Police Chief William Liquori.

"We're dealing with the demand issue here. If we can stop the demand, we wouldn't have the problems with supply or treatment," said Rep. Art Grindle, R-Altamonte Springs. He was one of a handful of local officials to talk Wednesday about the city's anti-drug program.

Seminole-Brevard State Attorney Norm Wolfinger said he was impressed with the Twist and Shout program because it targets parents as well.

While the billboard, donated by Peterson Outdoor Advertising of Orlando, will provide a silent message to all passers-by, the real program will take place in the schools and other meeting places, Liquori said.

"Because there is a correlation between drug abuse and crime, I asked my staff to come up with an innovative approach to teach youngsters about drug abuse," Liquori said.

Jeff Hawkins, the department's community relations spokesman, said the program involves lectures and films targeting various age groups. The program is available to all Seminole County schools, he said.

For the 7- to 11-year-olds, an officer will talk about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. A display, a film and the department's remote-controlled robot car, MONTE, also will be used.

The message for 12- to 17-year-olds and parents will be more hard-hitting and involve discussions by a couple of graduates from Straight Inc., an Orlando drug rehabilitation program.

A police officer will talk about penalties for drug possession, and a Disney-produced film, The Drug Knot, will be shown. It delves into the emotional side of drug abuse.

Charlie [REDACTED], 17, and Jamye [REDACTED], 18, graduates of the Straight program, will speak to the older students. Both have spoken to a group of parents and teens at a recent session at Capistrano condominiums.

The most frequently asked question, they said, is "Why did you start using drugs?" [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said they have differing reasons, but ultimately it was peer pressure and a lack of self-respect that led them to abusing such drugs as cocaine, marijuana and alcohol.

The two said they hope to be able to convey to teen-agers that saying no to drugs is okay and may save a lot of heartache.

The program will be financed by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, which comes from fines and seized contraband from criminals.

"We thought it would be ironic to use their money to combat the use of their product, drugs," Liquori said.

- Caption: PHOTO: Police Chief William Liquori watches city workers uncover billboard with its anti-drug message. JOE BURBANK/SENTINEL

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