

Southeast Ecumenical Ministry

FALL 2003

Providing Dignity,
Independence,
Transportation,
Nourishment and
Pharmacy Relief to Our
Neighbors since 1969

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Southeast
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SEM Newsletter “Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors”

How can your work place, school or congregation help Southeast Ecumenical Ministry?

Here are some practical suggestions of
ways you can reach out and be an
extension of SEM:

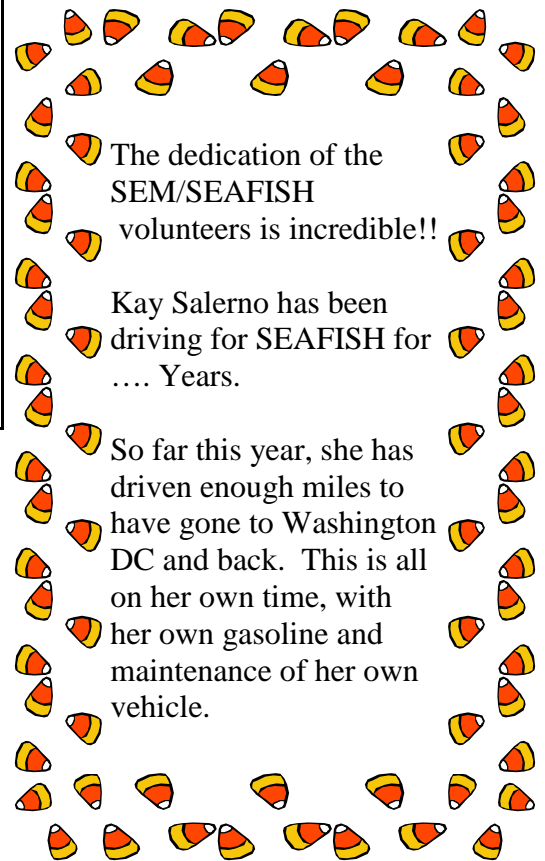
- Organize a **fun-raiser** with family members, a group of friends or neighbors.
- Plan a **party, concert, play**, or a dance. Why not add one or two dollars to the cost of each ticket and donate it to SEM.
- Take up a **collection** of hygiene products. Our clients can not purchase these items when they only receive food stamps.
- **Join** one of SEM'S committees with a friend.

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*SEM welcomes Aggie Seneway to the
SEM Board of Directors.*

*Aggie Seneway comes to us with
extensive experience in the education
field. She is a teacher at SUNY Brock-
port and holds a position at Dr.....*



The dedication of the
SEM/SEAFISH
volunteers is incredible!!

Kay Salerno has been
driving for SEAFISH for
.... Years.

So far this year, she has
driven enough miles to
have gone to Washington
DC and back. This is all
on her own time, with
her own gasoline and
maintenance of her own
vehicle.

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Making a tax-deductible donation to SEM/SEAFISH is a great way to remember a loved one, honor a special person and simply support an organization dedicated to helping our neighbors.

Types of Donations

Will, Trust or Estate - Remember SEM/SEAFISH in your will, trust or estate.

As you are making a donation in the honor of or in memory of a loved one, please include the individual's name and address of the persons to be notified of the gift. SEM/SEAFISH will send notification of your generosity to the specified persons. We will also mail your confirmation.

Memorials - Remember a deceased family member or friend with a special donation to SEM/SEAFISH in memory of your loved one. An acknowledgement will be sent to their family.

In Honor of - Celebrate a special occasion by giving a gift that leaves an impression. Give a donation to SEM/SEAFISH in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth or graduation of someone special.

Non-monetary Donation - Consider donating office equipment or vehicles. Your contribution will help meet the needs of our neighbors.

Fundraising Events - Youth groups, organizations or individuals may wish to organize a fundraiser to support SEM/SEAFISH. Proceeds from car washes, church dinners, baked food sales, concerts or other creative fund-raising events are welcome donations.

Please mail your check payable to: SEM/SEAFISH, 25 Westminister Rd., Rochester, NY 14607

One of SEM'S newest services is transporting our FIN'S=Friends In Need to the WAL*MART store. If you are interested please call the office and we will set up the time and day for you.

If anyone knows someone that may need some companionship or help around their house please call the SEM office. We have some anxious volunteers that would love to spend time getting to know some of the senior citizens in our neighborhoods.

A special thank you to the following for supporting SEM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Youth Group \$246.00 Plus 20 bags of food

St. Thomas Episcopal Church \$135.00 to be used for our food cupboard

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Antique Show \$500.00 to be used for our CHAPP program

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From the Executive Director.....

Thank you to so many more people who believe in what SEM is doing for the Rochester Community.....

SEM is in the front lines of our neighborhoods daily by providing transportation, delivering food to seniors, prescription assistance or a friendly companion each week. Many of our clients are struggling to maintain housing while unable to afford food and clothing. Most are uninsured and need medical care. Some are unemployed and need a job. Some are struggling to overcome alcohol and substance abuse problems. Some are escaping from domestic violence. Some are struggling to build a new life in a strange land. We continue to help the thousands of our neighbors to become self-sufficient. SEM believes to fight hunger in our community we need to work together with other agencies and get to the root cause of why someone is in need of food assistance, and work towards solving these problems. Needing emergency food assistance is a symptom of a much larger problem.

SEM provides food to over 45 agencies in the Greater Rochester Area. The food is requested by the agencies Case Managers or Social Workers. They complete an assessment on the individuals and their families. Someone needing food is a symptom of a larger problem. With SEM partnering with these local agencies, we are helping with a more holistic approach.

Financial support for our programs and the continuation of our ministry is always required to meet the needs of the poor, elderly and medically disabled in our neighborhoods.

Laurie J. Jenkins

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading organization helping people with diabetes. Keep these phone numbers handy.

1-800-Diabetes (342-2383) for information and answers to you questions

1800-ADA-Order (232-6733) for a free catalog of cookbooks, meal planners, and self-care guides.

Visit their web site at www.Diabetes.org.

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SEM Volunteer Corner

SEM recognizes a two special volunteers.....

Dottie and Volney Frankel have been volunteering with SEM for over 20 years. Dottie is our transportation logger who tracks all rides provided by our drivers. She knows who and where they are being picked up and where they are going everyday. Volney has been a substitute driver for FISH for several years. Their unselfish act of kindness to SEM/SEAFISH is most likely why they have been married for 56 years.

Thank you, Dottie & Volney!



SEM has scheduled our theater fundraiser dates for Friday Jan. 30th at 7:00pm. & the 31st at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. all three shows. Stages has a new home at the Auditorium theater on the 3rd. floor.














Please visit their web site at www.mjtstages.org for other information..

This will be a great way to begin SEM'S 35th anniversary

A big thank goes out to Andy Frost and Maryanne Aument for all their years of dedication volunteering in the FISH program. They retired at the end of August. Andy had been driving for FISH since the early 1980's and Maryanne has been a dispatcher for FISH since the 80's also. We wish them both the best and they will be greatly missed.

Please welcome Helen Robinson and Judy Debes. They are our newest FISH volunteer drivers.














We have a new volunteer on our fundraising committee. Her name is Cheryl Rizzo. She is a Social Worker at St. Joseph's Villa and has plenty of expertise in fundraising. She has created and organized the annual basketball tournament in her fathers name for the past five years.

Please join me in giving our SEAFISH advisory members a huge thank you for all they do for SEM. They are:

Erma Baldwin, Marie Cucchero,
 Dottie Frankel, Polly MacFadden,
 Dick Rinehart, Kay Salerno, Marc Shiro

These people are the heart and soul of our FISH program. Most of them have been volunteering for over 20 years. They are a fine group of people and SEM is very proud to have them on our team.

Everyone at SEM would like to extend our gratitude to John Hallett, for his most generous donation of time and outstanding talents to update our SEM web site. (seafish.webhop.org) His gift to us is truly priceless.

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR ON-GOING SUPPORT TO SEM!

The businesses and the faith community feels the need and responsibility to provide support to the thousands of families and individuals in our neighborhoods. They achieve this by supporting Southeast Ecumenical Ministry.

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JOIN OUR MINISTRY ! Our programs rely almost exclusively on our church community and our volunteers. Church support is vital to our existence as much as the volunteer effort. We continue to need monetary donations. **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** works with diverse congregations together to teach them how neighbors can help one another. That is what makes us unique.

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Financial support to operate our programs is always needed so we can continue our ministry . If we don't have funds to pay for insurance, utilities, and staff then we will not be here to meet the needs of the poor, elderly and medically disabled in our neighborhoods.

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