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ACTS OF LOVE

Love makes the world go round. Love makes life worth living. God is Love. We know His love. God showed us His love even while we were yet sinners, by giving His Son to die for us. We love because God first loved us.

Love is much more than a word. Love is an action. Love is doing something. Love is responding. Love is God's love in us overflowing to those around us. Love is total and sacrificial, giving oneself to another for life. It is giving up things for another person you love. Christ is our example of this kind of love. He gave Himself, His life, all of His life on the cross for you and me. He sacrificed Himself so that we might have life, abundant life.



OUR NEW MOUNTAIN GOAT

Mr. Harry Severson's act of love is a mountain goat. Mr. Severson is a Master Plasterer. When his health did not permit him to work anymore, he began to make plaster sculptures. He has given these sculptures to many institutions. His first gift to us was the three bears. Now he has given us this beautiful life-like mountain goat. He and his friend are pictured above the day they gave us this magnificent gift. We thank God for Harry's talent and for his sharing love through this gift.

This School runs on love. It was God's love working through people that made this ministry possible in the beginning. It is God's love working through you that still makes it possible today. Loving acts abound daily. Six of our friends, who have retired from their occupations, are downstairs, carefully helping us correct our mailing lists. Three other friends are across the hall sorting flannelgraph pictures, preparing them so that the teachers may use them in the coming weeks. Two more friends are in the second room across the hall preparing "thank you" letters for you and assembling memorial wreath cards to send out for your use. Extra hours are given by all of the Staff members in a desire to help the children. Cooks, houseparents, maintenance personnel, secretaries and teachers all give themselves regularly in service to their Lord. Day after day, they eagerly seek ways to help the children grow in grace and in knowledge of God's love.



CAPS AND SCARVES

Mrs. Elaine Jackson and her daughter, Carol, gave our school more than 100 scarves and caps just before Christmas. The children rejoiced in these useful, warm gifts. Mrs. Jackson, because of arthritis, can no longer work as she once did. Now, she works in a delightful way, by crocheting scarves and caps for the children here.

Acts of love come from every direction. From churches and congregations who share with us surplus Sunday School materials. From individuals who sent in Campbell Soup labels. Love comes from thousands of our friends who regularly send contributions so that we may continue sharing Christ through Christian education. Love comes through churches who are interested in learning about the deaf and ask to see our movie, or have a speaker. Love comes from people who donate time so that we may have Boy and Girl Scout meetings here. Love comes from the Volunteers who come in to help our children learn many new ideas. Love comes from Board Members who donate time to help keep this place on a sound administrative basis and most important of all, Love comes from the thousands who remember us in their prayers to the throne of God. Love is the theme of Christmas. God so loved the world that He gave His Son. Love is the theme of each and every day of our lives. Love, God's love, flows from you through us to the children. Love makes it all possible.

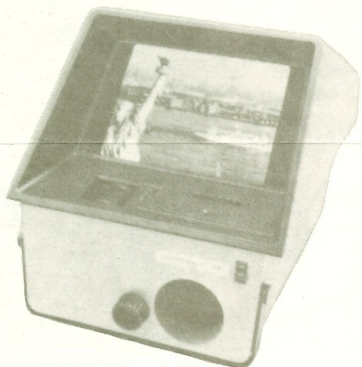
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have finished enjoying me.

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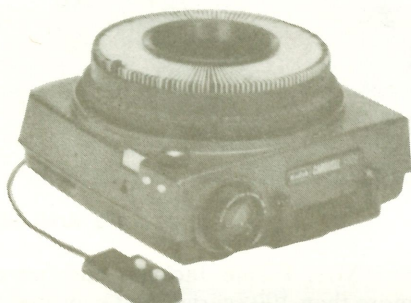


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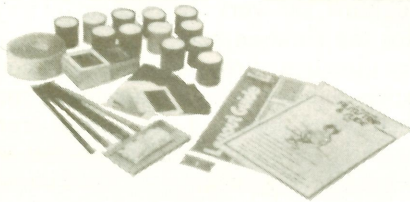
THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED



A FILMSTRIP VIEWER



AN AUTOMATIC SLIDE PROJECTOR



A DO-IT-YOURSELF FILMSTRIP KIT



Local Friends sort and count 20,700 labels

We found out that you read the *ADVOCATE*. We found out how much you love. Labels came in from 23 of the United States, plus Ontario. Labels came from children and from the elderly. Labels came from ladies groups, from parents of former students, from lawyers, from Catholic Churches and Lutheran Churches. Labels came in great big bundles but, even more important, they came in ones and twos in letters from all over.

Over 20,700 labels have been gathered to date. You see on this page the four items which we will get from the labels. They will be very helpful in our educational program here at the school.

Some have asked whether they should continue saving labels. We won't know until next Fall whether Campbell's will redeem them again. In the meantime, please save them.

We are overwhelmed by your generous loving response. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping us.

POUND DAY

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, our loving friends have donated over 10 tons of food to the school.

Rice from Arkansas.

Potatoes in a big truck from the Northern part of Lower Michigan.

Cans and cans of soup and vegetables.

Sacks of flour and salt.

Exotic foods and staples.

Fresh vegetables.

Just about anything you can think of has been donated in boxes and sacks.

Food prices have really spiraled and yet greater is the love of our many friends. We wondered if we would get much food this year. Your love has amazed us. Our pantries have a delightful selection of many foods. Our cooks will enjoy using your many gifts for the good of our children.

Some churches collected food for Thanksgiving Day. Other churches collected food as gifts for Jesus at Christmas time. Parochial schools had their own collection. Sunday School programs were times for other children's gifts. Lutheran High School North had their Student Council deliver food in the school bus. Young people and children everywhere shared with our children.

We thank all of you. It is possible now for us to continue serving delicious and healthful meals to our children. May the Lord continue to shower on you His love.





A SNOWY DAY

Thanksgiving weekend, God dressed our world beautifully with 19 inches of snow. Parents had a terrible time driving. Kids rejoiced in the beauty of God's gift.

We were not able to have school. The children who were here had a lot of fun. Snowmen abounded and so did snowballs. We are thankful to God for the beautiful snow and for taking care of all who were driving in the storm.



COMMUNICATION SEMINARS

Guest Speakers and Topics

January 17-19 Dr. George W. Fellendorf, Executive Director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association, Washington, D.C. "**Oral Education and Integration.**"

February 14-16 Mrs. Barbara Brauer Sachs, Psychologist, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C. "**Psychological Services for the Deaf.**" (Mrs. Sachs is an Alumna of the School)

March 14-16 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Scouten, Rochester, N.Y. "**Language Development.**" Mrs. Scouten, a former teacher here, is now supervising teacher at the Rochester School for the Deaf. Mr. Scouten is Director of the English Program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

April 18-20 Dr. Ralph Hoag, Supt. of Arizona State Schools for the Deaf. "**Teacher Certification and Training.**"

Limited communication skills are the handicap. Deafness is not. Deafness only causes the handicap. Communication is necessary for individuals to share ideas. The deaf have limited communication skills because of their inability to hear our spoken language. Communication skills are the biggest need of the deaf. These must be learned young. The sooner a child gets special education placement, the sooner he may begin to acquire necessary skills for communication.

The Lutheran School for the Deaf, through the grace of God, attempts to help the children acquire these necessary communication

skills. The skills are complex and require great concentration from the children. The child's eager desire to share ideas is often frustrated by inadequate communication skills. We thank God that he has permitted us for 102 years, through the help of our many loving friends, to continue this challenging process.

Four guest speakers have been invited to come and help us examine ourselves. They will challenge us to think through carefully the following questions: Are we doing the best job we can to teach communication skills? In what ways can we improve? Are we providing the children with the best possible quality education?

These speakers will meet on Friday evenings with other professionals from the Greater Detroit Community. All day Saturday, we will have an in-service training Seminar for the Staff and Board of Directors. Sunday afternoon, the parents of the current students are invited to come for a discussion session.

We hope that these guest leaders will help us generate many fruitful discussions with one another so that we may find better ways to help the students enjoy satisfactory communication with their friends and neighbors.

NEW STUDENT APPLICANTS

We still have room for new students wishing to enroll. Detailed information can be obtained by writing to our Principal, Mrs. Pauline Fenton, at the School office.

ART PROJECTS

Dresses sewed.
Tables made.
Cakes baked.
Projects to take home.
Motors that work.

The joy of doing
something yourself,
an exciting way to learn.



The joy
of a job
successfully
completed.



My handmade electric motor works!

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RAMBLINGS

We received Christmas cards and letters from many former Staff members as well as from former students. It is a joy to keep in contact with all of them.

Some parents of former students continue regularly to remember the School with gifts of thanks. One mother enclosed a letter which said in essence, "It has been over 16 years since my child first came to your school. I daily rejoice in all that you were able to do to help my child learn."

Our biggest single need is *more students*. We believe that it is very important that children get a Christian education. We dedicate ourselves to provide the best Christian education possible for deaf children. If you know of any deaf children, encourage their parents to consider sending their child to school here. We will accept students from any place in the world. They may be of any age between four and thirteen. They may come from any kind of religious background.

We are still trying to find our Alumni. If you know of anyone who formerly attended the School, please send us their current address.

We have two more new students. Karen Anderson is our first multiply-handicapped child. Antony Batchelor has had some learning problems. We pray that God will bless our efforts to help these two children grow in the knowledge of Christ and the world around them.

Our Christmas Program this year was held in the gym. Mr. Bob Schweitzer directed a very beautiful revision of our traditional program. We moved into the gym, so that we could have more room. For the first time, the children sat and watched the Christmas Program themselves. Immediately following the program, the Ladies Auxiliary again hosted our annual Christmas Tea. Many people thought it was much nicer having the program in a larger space with better vision. The program was our way of saying thanks to God for the gift of His Son and for letting us learn more about Jesus.

DESIGNATED OFFERING FOLDER

Our new folder can be used for anniversaries, birthdays, and other joyous occasions. We will gladly send you free as many as you request.

THANKS

*Thank you for all the
surplus religious materials.
Please send us more.*

ADVOCATE READERS

In order that you might receive prompt delivery of "The Deaf Child's Advocate", we ask that you check your address as it appears in this issue and, if there are any inaccuracies in the address or if you receive more than one copy, kindly clip the address from this paper, indicate corrections, deletions or duplication and return it to us.

Your cooperation will save the school an appreciable amount of money.

Name	Print or Type—Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
OLD ADDRESS	
No. and Street, Apt., Suite, P.O. Box or R.D. No. (In care of)	
	Post Office, State, and ZIP Code
NEW ADDRESS	
No. and Street, Apt., Suite, P.O. Box or R.D. No. (In care of)	
	Post Office, State, and ZIP Code

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CHILDREN'S BROCHURE

LEARN MORE ABOUT DEAF CHILDREN BY FILLING IN THE BLANKS FROM THE WORDS LISTED BELOW.

1. I am _ _ _ f .
2. I cannot _ e _ _ like you.
3. Because I cannot hear, it is hard for me to learn _ o _ _ .
4. I go to a special _ _ _ _ _ - The Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit.
5. I _ i _ _ at the school from Monday to Friday.
6. I _ _ _ e _ in the dorm and _ _ _ in the dining hall.
7. Our big playground has some life-sized _ _ _ animals: 3 bears and a mountain _ _ _ .
8. Children come from _ _ _ over the United States and Canada to our school.
9. The ages of my schoolmates are from _ _ _ to fourteen.
10. My special teachers help me learn many _ d _ _ and facts.
11. At the Lutheran School I can _ _ _ _ to read, to write, and all the other things you learn in _ _ _ school.
12. Here at the school I will learn how to _ p _ _ .
13. I will also learn to use what _ _ _ _ hearing God gave me.
14. The teachers will help me to learn how to "hear" with my _ _ _ .
15. The school helps me prepare for a _ _ _ _ useful life.
16. Here I can also learn about _ _ _ u _ .
17. Each day I _ _ _ _ God for His _ _ _ .
18. I am happy. I _ _ _ w Jesus as my Savior.
19. Your _ _ _ _ and gifts help me to learn about Jesus.
20. _ _ _ _ you for all your love and help.

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little	Jesus	eyes	school
hear	ideas	praise	grade
happy	eat	live	prayers
know	goat	learn	four
deaf	love	thank	sleep

On the front is a coloring picture for little children. If you would like copies of our new brochure, we would be happy to send them to you.