WALK-A-THON '90: WHO YOUR PLEDGES HELP

On our growing client list, there are always individuals waiting for SHARE's assistance. With the proceeds from Walk-A-Thon '90, we hope to provide equipment for these three youngsters:

- A SHARE client since 1987, Sheri Keighley has a severe visual impairment and lack of fine motor control.

Sheri Keighley  photo by Pat Cory
due to cerebral palsy. To enable her to use the telephone independently, SHARE is providing a telephone with large numbered buttons that she can see and press with ease.

- Tammy is an 8-year-old who is unable to speak due to cerebral palsy. SHARE will be providing her with a system in order to evaluate her needs and abilities. Once those have been determined, a communication system will be designed for her.

- A student at Durfee High School, Mark has Down's Syndrome and needs help to communicate. SHARE plans to provide him with a communication system as well.

SHARE WALK-A-THON 1990 NEARLY HERE!!!

Mark your calendars!
The SHARE Walk-A-Thon 1990 is set for Sunday, October 21, and we need your support to help make it a success. Our biggest fundraising event of the year, the Walk-A-Thon generates much needed funding for equipment and services to aid disabled children and adults.

Except for a slight change in the route of the 10-kilometer walk, the Walk-A-Thon will follow its traditional formula for success. While the official start time is 9 a.m., walkers may participate any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The route will start and finish at the Southeastern Massachusetts University Athletic Center, where walkers and workers can enjoy the swimming pool (12 noon to 4 p.m.) courtesy of the SMU Athletic Department. Count on plenty of refreshments and a day of fun, rain or shine!

There are many ways that you can lend a hand for Walk-A-Thon '90! We are still looking for walkers to participate in the event; walker's kits are available through SHARE headquarters. If you are unable to walk, consider adding your name to a disabled walker's pledge sheet. Also, volunteers are needed to work on the day of the event.

If you'd like to be a part of Walk-A-Thon 1990, please call SHARE at (508) 999-8482.
TECH TALK
SHARE RESEARCH ASSISTANT DESIGNS SCANNING DEVICE CONTROLLER

SMU graduate student Mike McCarrick has been working as a research assistant for SHARE since this past May. He recently designed and built the prototype of a device that will mean increased independence and control for many disabled individuals.

This unit—a scanning device controller—enables a single switch user to control electrically-powered items in his/her environment such as lights, radios, and televisions. The device superimposes supersonic signals on the power lines within a person's home to control electrical outlets.

"It allows users a greater level of independence in controlling their environment," says SHARE Vice President Phil Viall.

SHARE president Les Cory says he expects that in the coming months, Rehabilitation Engineering Center staffers will be able to produce each unit for a few hundred dollars. Commercial units that perform similar functions, he says, are "typically well over $2,000—and generally are not as versatile, because they require extension cords to be run all over the house."

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Dear friends of SHARE,

Over the years, so many of you have given your financial support to our endeavors on behalf of disabled children and adults, both in our community and across the country. Without your unwavering generosity, we simply could not have given them the equipment and services they need to better their lives.

For many people, these troubling economic times make it harder to set aside extra resources for charitable giving. But unfortunately, in a worsening economy, the number of clients who need SHARE's financial assistance only grows.

Please remember the people we serve when you consider your gifts to SHARE and other charities. Your contribution, whether large or small, is an important and valued one.

With sincere thanks for your support,

[Signatures]

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Balloon Adventure brings joy to SHARE Supporter

SHARE supporter Isaiah Avila won a hot air balloon trip at last year's Walk-A-Thon, and got a ticket to the ride of a lifetime.

"It's something that I'll never forget," says Mr. Avila, 73, of his prize flight taken on July 13.

The balloon took off from a clearing behind the Holy Ghost grounds in rural Westport. Although Mr. Avila found climbing into the basket a bit tricky, the hour-and-a-half trip was quite a joy ride.

"I was calm as a cucumber — and I don't like heights!" he says. "There's nothing to be scared of. You don't even know you're moving."

Traveling at 4,000 feet above sea level, Mr. Avila marveled at being able to see the Boston skyline, Cape Cod, and the "little doll houses" that dotted the land below him.

If anyone was anxious about the balloon excursion, it was the cows grazing in the fields below them. But balloon navigator David Gifford, who donated the ride to SHARE, seems to have a way with the worrisome creatures, says Mr. Avila.

"The cows get very nervous," he says. "Then he talks to them and they calm down. I don't know what kind of language he uses!"

Although he admits that the landing was a bumpy one, Mr. Avila says more fun awaited him once back on solid ground and reunited with his wife, who had followed the balloon in the Giffords' van.

The group celebrated the successful flight with a champagne toast and pastries baked by Mrs. Gifford. Mr. Avila says the adventure was "the most exciting thing" he has ever experienced.

"Nothing will compare to it!" he says. "What a fantastic ride up there — I'd go [again] tomorrow!"

Avila Gears Up for SHARE Walk-A-Thon

When last year's Walk-A-Thon drew to a close, that's when Isaiah Avila started gearing up — for SHARE Walk-A-Thon 1990, that is! Since last November, he has collected enough soda cans to save $500 toward the fundraiser, and has secured nearly $1,000 in pledges from neighbors, friends — and even Fall River Mayor Carlton Viveiros.

Mr. Avila says his efforts in support of SHARE are to reciprocate for the help SHARE has given to some of the children Avila serves through his involvement with Fall River's We Love Children organization.

"When somebody does something good for us," says Mr. Avila, "I'm going to go out and give 110 percent!"

GOLF TOURNAMENTS PUT SHARE IN THE GREEN

We would like to thank all those who participated in this year's golf tournaments — The Third Annual SHARE Foundation Golf Tournament and The Seventh Annual Ben Boyle Golf Classic.

Together, the tournaments yielded over $5,000 for SHARE's endeavors.

Thank you everyone for making this year's fundraisers such a great success!
**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Rich Warren** — who recently was appointed Superintendent of Mansfield Schools.

**Phil Viall** — who received a citation for Outstanding University Service at SMU.

**Tom Curry** — who was granted sabbatical leave from his position as Chairman of the SMU Electrical and Computer Engineering department, to conduct research for the U.S. Navy in underwater tracking signal design.

**Claire Carney** — who received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

**Les Cory** — who gave the commencement address at Bishop Connolly High School’s graduation ceremony.

**Paul Remy** — who graduated with S.M.U.’s class of 1990.

**Virginia Hadley** — who received the Educational Service Unit Award at S.M.U.

**Denise Anderson** — who received the Silver Shield Award for outstanding service to Bristol Community College.

**Joe Mcintyre** — who received the “No Care Like Home Care” Award from the Massachusetts Association of Home Care Program and area agencies on aging.

**Don Howard** — who celebrated his 60th birthday!

**ATTENTION**

**Federal Employees and Military Personnel**

The Combined Federal Campaign brochure will be distributed at your workplace in November. We ask you to please consider designating the SHARE Foundation to receive a portion of your 1990/91 contribution.

It's simple — just look for our name, SHARE Foundation, in your campaign brochure. To designate us to receive your contribution, write our number on your contribution card.

Your contribution through your local Combined Federal Campaign will help SHARE provide disabled people with the equipment and services they truly need.

When you fill out your campaign form this year, please remember SHARE. It takes only a minute and makes such a difference in someone else’s life. If you have any questions, call us at (508) 999-8482.