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Winter Holiday Gift Show Preview Party

Two hundred people ($45 tickets) flocked to The Community House for the Preview Party chaired by Betsy Laboe and Ellen Leitch that kicked off the annual Gift Show. They socialized, sipped, supped and shopped at the booths stocked by 50 vendors. Everyone was raving about Detroit Scroll, which featured wall art produced from vintage Detroit bus scrolls and the estate and Victorian jewelry at Very Jewelry Yours. Shelly Lanesky chaired the show that attracted more than 1,000 ($7 admission) during the following two days. Proceeds benefit children's outreach programs at TCH.

Salute to Child Advocate

Debra Partridge and Marianne Endicott chaired a luncheon at the Detroit Athletic Club that saluted Ann Nicholson for her long time, hands-on commitment and leadership of Wayne State University's Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child & Family Development. The tribute included remarks from friend and fellow institute board member Phoebe Goldstein and institute director Dr. Peter Lichtenberg. Included in the audience of 55 admirers were Ann's husband Jim and son, David, who was recently elected to the Wayne State Board of Governors.