

# INDEPENDENT Living

## Being out on their own

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**J**it's not easy being in high school, and struggling in an area. Very few of the students at the high school excelled in most of their classes, but the majority of the school had one area that was extremely challenging for them. The students in the transitions classes made their time in high school fun and interesting while they were still learning.

Some of the students in the class had jobs that took up their afternoon time, but others helped the sports teams out.

"My assistant and I have developed a work site at Target in which the students get paid for their work," said **Mrs. Martha Moffett**.

The students worked several hours after school and on the weekends. They stocked shelves, and helped bag customers' purchases. They learned to clean, and some learned what it was like to have a job and learned how great pay day really is.

"We worked on maintaining a daily planner, budgeting money, using the bank, planning meals, cooking skills, grocery shopping, reading the newspaper, using the Metro system, comparing prices, eating healthy, exercising, leisure activities, housekeeping skills, socialization, communication, and perhaps, most importantly, job skills," said **Moffett**.

"**THIS IS HOW** you make soup," one of the class's students told the teacher. She showed **Mrs. Linda Dietz** how easy it was for her. Basic food preparation was one of the skills studied in this class.



### Not Pictured:

Judie Alexander    Hoddie MacKenzie  
Devona Bonta      Linda Pfeffer  
Kay Cottier        Matt Rohrkemper

Norma Apgar  
Kathy Barrow  
Jessica Blevens  
Tamara Brewer  
John Causey  
Carol Combs  
Emily Conatser

Amanda Corley  
Dawn Davis  
Linda Dietz  
Dana Dunn  
Lorraine Hartke  
Diana Herald  
Maggie Menke

Martha Moffett  
Emily Molina  
Corey Moore  
Tom Nugent  
Michelle Oltorik  
Susan Palmer  
James Payne

Cheri Petticrew  
Hank Ray  
Joan Schepers  
Cathy Simon  
Suzanne Smith  
Lynn Toney  
John Traub

Mary Tuke  
Dottie Wasem  
Gretchen Washington  
Pat Weitzel  
Carole Wood

