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VOLUNTEERS HELP MAKE WOMEN'S EXPO A SUCCESS

CHARLESTON, IL.--"It is the hundreds of volunteers that make the Women's Expo and Health Fair March 4 at Eastern Illinois University so successful," according to Sandy Rives, Expo coordinator.

"We have volunteers of all ages from many communities, including homemakers, professional and business women, Eastern faculty, staff and students and members of organizations. Whatever their responsibilities, everyone's contributions are important to the program's success.

For example, local professional women have contributed their experience and expertise to develop a Women's Financial Concerns manual, underwritten by Boatmen's National Bank of Charleston.

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Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, Mattoon, is funding inserts to the 1987 Women's Health Concerns manual and the 1988 Women's Legal Concerns manual.

Committees for Expo '89 have been working for months. Carol Strode of Charleston and Patti Butler of Mattoon, co-chairs of the Expo displays, have scheduled 97 exhibitors from local/regional/state/or national associations, agencies, and businesses reflecting women's interests. "This is the largest number of exhibitors we have ever had," Rives said.

Workshop chair Mary Ann Uphoff of Mattoon and her committee has lined up 40 speakers for the 19 workshops planned for women. "The Women's Expo presenters are the best available regional speakers. Experience has proven this type of speaker is in tune with women's needs and concerns," Rives said.

Maggie Hollowell of Charleston and Sharon White of Sullivan have arranged for 50 local models to participate in the Expo style show where 11 independent women retailers from Mattoon, Charleston, Paris and Windsor will display spring fashions.

Pat Mary of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Mattoon, is coordinating SBLHC staff who will conduct seven health screenings and distribute health information from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Union.

Rives too has been busy all year lining up sponsors and contributors and holding luncheons for women in east central and southern Illinois and in western Indiana.

"The Women's Expo is an affordable event for all women because of the generous support of our sponsors and contributors. That's why private sponsorship for the Expo has been obtained," Rives said. Separate sponsorship was found for the teen division for women.

For further information about the Teen Expo and Women's Expo, contact Eastern's Office of University Relations at (217) 581-5981.