

# Kay Jones

Katherine (Kay) Jones was born in Arkansas and six months later her parents moved to the Detroit area where Kay is still residing. She attended Detroit schools and is a graduate of Miller High School.

Kay joined Blue Shield in 1966, progressed through the ranks and became a supervisor in the Data Conversion Department. During her career with the Blues she began a second career by becoming the epitome of a person performing volunteer service. Her major contribution involved the BCBSM Christmas Doll Program in conjunction with the Good Fellows Organization. She



recalls when she first started this project; they were producing about 500 dolls. During her time spent until she served as chairperson of this group, the production climbed to over 2000 yearly. As a volunteer she also assisted in the Employee Blood Donor Program, the United Way, in which she received a coveted Ambassador Award and also found time to serve as Treasurer of the BCBSM Bowling League for ten years. In recognition of her many achievements during time, as a volunteer, Kay was cited by Oscar Frenette's program on WJR of "Gallery of People Worth Knowing" in 1980 she was one of

several receiving the first YMCA Minority achievement awards

She also has provided years of community service by assisting in fund raising for the PBS Channel 56 for ten years, ushering at Orchestra Hall for 10 years and the Fox Theater for a "mere" five years.

She currently spends her time at Metro Airport where she is the volunteer coordinator for Travelers Aid. This organization is always looking for help and Kay would be pleased to talk to anyone interested.

It would seem almost impossible for this lady to find time to enjoy personal pursuits- but she does. She and a few personal friends have attended all of the Summer Olympics Games for the past 20 years and she plans to attend the next games taking place in Beijing, China.

She also discovered it is truly a small world. While attending the games in Barcelona, sitting on the subway next to her was a gentleman who worked for the Toledo Blade. On another occasion she met the father of a lady from St. Clair Shores.

She is truly a remarkable person who has given so much of her time and effort as a volunteer. As she puts it – she receives a great deal of satisfaction in helping others.