

JOSEPH AND BEVERLY TROMPETER:

The Trompeters were nominated by Asher Rafiq and Sameera Sameera. Mr. Rafiq and Ms. Sameera said the Trompeters have been "angels in disguise" for them. Mr. Rafiq and Ms. Sameera moved to their current Sterling Heights neighborhood from Pakistan two years ago and said that not only the neighborhood, but the country, **weather, people, language and food, were new to them.** The Trompeters have helped them around their home, from the basics of replacing light bulbs, to repairing their fireplace and the pipes under their kitchen sink. They even showed them how to use the lawn mower and helped them with other technical tasks the couple didn't understand being new to the country. Mr. Trompeter also helped Sameera pick up and drop off the children before she could drive and also helped her practice for her driving test. Aside from the physical help, Mr. Rafiq and Ms. Sameera said that the couple has provided them spiritual gratification too, as they are there to talk to and share life's experiences.

"Even though we are far apart from our relatives and kinship, with Joe and Bev in our neighborhood, we never felt lonely," they wrote. "Joe and Bev have portrayed an excellent image of Americans and good neighbors for us. We salute their courtesy, helpful nature, devotion and zeal toward helping others."