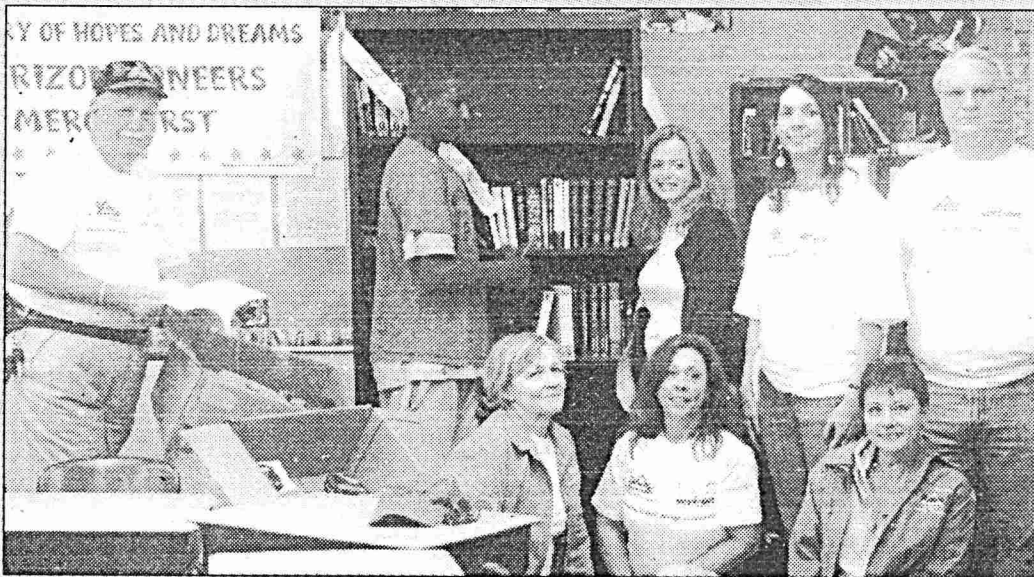


Telcom Pioneers Provide Grant



Employees from Verizon visited MercyFirst to present the young men who reside on the Syosset Campus with a "Library of Hopes and Dreams". This Library was awarded to the Verizon Telecom Pioneers through a \$5000 grant from the Verizon Foundation.

This Library will consist of books that were selected by the MercyFirst residents and their English teachers. In addition, Verizon purchased bookshelves and other needed supplies to keep the Library operating at its highest potential. Verizon employee, Mary Ruane was instrumental in coordinating this entire effort to make sure these young men will have the necessary tools to broaden their education and reinforce the importance of reading. Above, Dick Doster, Alan M., Mary Ruane (front), Karen Hauser (front), Gina D'Annuzio (front), Andrea Clifford, Karen Paoletta and Lloyd Harris.

