

EWI Minneapolis Chapter Philanthropy Projects

The EWI Minneapolis Chapter has provided financial support to The Jeremiah Program (www.jeremiahprogram.org) for nearly ten years. We have offered women residents an opportunity to apply for financial aid (scholarships) through the EWI ASIST (Assisting Students in Scholastic Transition) Program.

- The Jeremiah Program, a broad-based collaborative community initiative, assists low-income mothers and their children to help themselves complete their education and achieve economic self-sufficiency through empowerment skills, access to affordable housing, child development services, health care, support services and meaningful employment. The Jeremiah Program mothers and children develop positive self-esteem and clarify their values on which to build a successful life. Jeremiah is a commitment to self-improvement and excellence. Applicants understand that Jeremiah women are committed to making significant changes that will build their self-reliance.

In 2007, the Minneapolis Chapter will continue its support of The Jeremiah Program as well as two additional non-profit organizations, Sojourner Project and St. Anne's Place. Both organizations are dedicated to helping women and children:

- Sojourner Project (www.sojournerproject.org) is focused on providing shelter, advocacy and support to empower battered women and their children. They are committed to the prevention and elimination of domestic violence through proactive intervention and community-based services and education.
- St. Anne's Place (www.stannesplace.org) is an emergency shelter in North Minneapolis, located in the former convent of St. Anne's Church and provides short-term housing for up to sixteen homeless women and their children. Families are referred to St. Anne's Place through the Hennepin County voucher program, which provides emergency assistance for residents of the county. Programs at St. Anne's Place are geared towards developing strong and stable families through support services for parents and youth activities for children.

2006 Jeremiah Program Scholarship Recipients of \$1,500.00 ASIST Scholarships:

- Amanda Green, Aster Molla and Seana Williams*

2005 Jeremiah Program Scholarship Recipients of \$1,500.00 ASIST Scholarships:

- Judy Hartman, Constance Brown and Jenaa Lane

2004 Jeremiah Program Scholarship Recipients of \$1,500.00 ASIST Scholarships:

- Katrin Bachmeier, Dianna Benjamin, Makayla Green and Florence Kimmel*

* These women also received \$2,500.00 Scholarships from the EWI Corporate ASIST Program.

Philanthropy projects also have included the following:

- \$500.00 donated to The Jeremiah Program for computer repairs.
- Cook for Kids Program – cooking and serving dinner to Jeremiah families.
- Books valued at \$250.00 were donated to children residing at Jeremiah.
- Donations by Chapter members for personal care items.
- Fleece blankets constructed by the Chapter and donated to Jeremiah, Sojourner Project and St. Anne's Place.