

Fall 2002

Rebuilding the lives of women and families



United Methodist Women Support Emma Norton Services

Every gift makes a difference!

What is the significance of one roll of toilet paper? When Nelda Rhoades Clarke recently attended the annual meeting of one of six Minnesota United Methodist Women districts, there was one roll of toilet paper on the contribution table along with stacks of packaged paper products. For Nelda, that one roll symbolized the determination of someone to make a contribution, no matter how small!



Ruth Ann Bothe sets up a display of "Pins by Lucinda"

For the past eighty-five years, women of the United Methodist Church, through the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, have been making contributions, large and small, to provide support for Emma Norton Residence (recently renamed Emma Norton Services).

At each of the six Minnesota district annual meetings, held in the fall, a representative from Emma Norton Services sets up a display of "Pins by Lucinda" to raise funds to support programs and services. Sales at the first three September 2002 meetings

have netted over \$1,500. Many local churches take the pins on consignment and sell them at fall church bazaars. And if you think that the sale of just one pin is insignificant — in the past eleven years, Emma Norton Services has raised over \$125,000 selling Lucinda's pins!

But, back to the toilet paper. Contributions of paper products and cleaning supplies for use at Emma Norton Residence saves the organization about \$15,000 a year! (*Donations of paper products are down this year — HELP!*) In addition, many United Methodist Women's groups also contribute other needed items such as new quilts, blankets, sheets, comforters, towels, stationary, personal care products, and birthday or Christmas gifts. Every gift is important, no matter how small. Every gift makes a difference! Thanks!!!

The mission of Emma Norton Services is to foster stability and personal growth for women and families who are homeless—or at risk of becoming homeless—by providing affordable, secure housing and supportive services in a Christian environment.

Making a Difference . . .

Judy Conn, Volunteer Coordinator

Judy joined the Emma Norton Services staff in September 1999 as the organization's first Volunteer Coordinator. Under her direction the volunteer program has grown tremendously. She has increased both our volunteer base and helped to target the kinds of things most needed for our residents.

"Judy brings a real calming effect to Emma's," says Nelda Rhoades Clarke. "She's an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church and brings that pastoral care to her job."



Judy with her first great-grandchild, Logan.

After working in medicine for 25 years, Judy felt she wanted to make a change in her career—to pursue something that would make a real difference for women. She says working at Emma Norton Services makes her feel she can make a difference every day in some small way—helping to make something happen or bring some small comfort to the residents.

Walk For Justice

Twenty-three volunteers raised approximately \$500 in pledges when they walked for Emma Norton Services in the seventh annual **Headwaters Fund Walk for Justice**. Held on Sunday, September 15, the Walk included participants from seventy other social justice organizations.

The Walk for Justice is a community event for grassroots nonprofits, their supporters and friends who want to raise awareness, solidarity and financial support for Twin City organizations working for social justice. Youth and adults join together to raise pledges for the 3.5 mile walk along the Mississippi River just north of downtown Minneapolis. In 2001, the groups involved raised over \$60,000.

Thanks to the following individuals who walked on behalf of Emma Norton Services:



Lisa Goldner	Rachel Johnson	Sue Kneen
Sam Grapevine	Dave Jose	Alex Nelson
Cathy Hemish	Lisa Kerkow	Amber Pettit
Leah Hemish	Ray Kerkow	Pam Pettit
Sue Holten	Deb Kneen	Paula Stoltz
Janet Johnson	Johannah Kneen	Devan Sullivan
Nick Johnson	Julia Kneen	Rachel Terpening
	Sophia Kneen	Deb Verdoorn

Christmas Wish List

Christmas will be here before you know it! We try to make this holiday special for our residents who are often very lonely at this time of year. If you can help out with something from the list below, we need your gift delivered (unwrapped) to Emma Norton Residence **no later than December 1**. **All items must be new.**

Questions? Call Judy Conn at 651/251-2629 or Paula Hughes at 651/251-2622.

Twin sheet sets (no flannel)
3 piece towel sets
Christmas design coffee mugs
Journals
Scrubbies
Stretch Gloves
Glove and Scarf Sets
Compact umbrellas

Large spiral calendars
Pocket sized calendars
Socks (pretty designs or colors)
McDonald's gift certificates (\$2-\$5)
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Nail polish
Gel pens and Post-it Notes
Chocolate raspberry balls or chocolate oranges

