



Rebuilding the lives of women and families

Founded in 1917, Emma Norton Services is a nonprofit organization providing affordable housing and comprehensive services for homeless women and families in Minnesota.

Winter 2005

A Very Special Gift

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year...”

This classic tune reminds us of the many reasons why the holidays are so special. Many of us are busy with all our holiday preparations, getting ready to open our hearts and homes to family and friends. However, too many of our community’s mothers and children don’t feel much like celebrating. For them, the holidays are a time of isolation, regret and despair. The holidays do not bring a reprieve from the daily struggles of life on the streets and the danger, hunger and loneliness that come with homelessness.

Thanks to your support, Emma Norton Services has helped over 96 women and 65 children receive a very special gift this year—a place to call home. Since 1917, Emma Norton Services has been a place that women and families can turn to for help and healing. Our services provide safe and caring places to live and plan for the future and our staff and volunteers remind our residents every day that they are special and that God has big plans for their lives.

Right now, the staff and volunteers of Emma Norton Residence and Emma’s Place are working to make the holidays brighter by providing festive holiday meals, gifts and holiday cheer.

As you reflect on your many blessings this year, we urge you to find ways to make every day a little brighter for women and families in need. Please look over Emma Norton’s wish list and volunteer needs on the next page. Whether you give of your time, talent or treasure, your support sends an important message to our residents, *“You are not alone—we care about you!”*

Thank you for all you do during the holidays and throughout the year to bring help and hope to women and families in need.

All of us at Emma Norton Services wish you and your loved ones a joyous and peaceful holiday season!

In gratitude,

Steve North
Board President

Nelda Rhoades Clarke
Executive Director

Volunteers Make Everyday Happy!

One of the ways Emma Norton Services is able to serve so many women and children is through the support of its many volunteers. We offer wonderful opportunities for you to share your skills and gifts. **If you or your group would like to help out anytime throughout the year, please call Judy Conn, Volunteer Coordinator: 651.251.2629**

What Can You or Your Group Do?

Help decorate Emma Norton Residence • Wrap presents • Make desserts or appetizer trays for holiday dinners • Help serve meals • Teach a skill or craft to residents • Serve as a receptionist at the front desk for short periods of time • Tutor a child in reading, writing or arithmetic through our after school programs at Emma's Place • Shovel snow or cut grass

Gift Ideas for Holidays Throughout the Year

New twin sheet sets (not flannel) • 3-piece towel sets • Journals • Shower gel • Alarm clocks • Stretch gloves • Glove & Scarf or Hat Sets • Hairbrushes • Calendars—large spiral and pocket size • Socks with seasonal designs • McDonald's gift certificates (\$2-\$5) • Toothpaste and toothbrushes • Nail polish • Gel pens, Post-It notes and other desk supplies—scissors, rulers, tape, etc. • Chocolate raspberry balls or chocolate oranges • Small stuffed animals or Beanie Babies

Gift Ideas Throughout the Year

January	Soap, washcloth, shampoo
February	Valentine design socks, individually wrapped chocolates
March	Easter baskets with plastic eggs and wrapped candies
April	Compact umbrellas
May	Personal care products in a shower basket
June	Pretty paper plates, napkins & plastic silverware
July	Bubbles, stress balls and pill boxes
August	Plastic food containers, one pint or larger
September	Pretty socks and stretch gloves
October	Halloween candy, memo pads, pencils, flashlights
November	Twin size blankets
December	Christmas gifts

Items Currently or ALWAYS Needed

Large color TV for Emma Norton Residence lounge
All purpose cleaners, dishwashing soap, window cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, rubber gloves, sponges
Paper towels, napkins, toilet paper and facial tissues
Deodorant, tampons, Maxi Pads
Batteries—all sizes
Small first aid kits
Small tool kits with hammers, screw drivers, etc.
Travel razors, shaving cream, and deodorant
Laundry baskets and foldable hampers

Emma Norton Services

Emma Norton Residence

A 42-bed residence, offering long-term support and services for homeless women in transition, whose goals are to become independent and self-sufficient.

Emma's Place

Providing permanent, affordable housing and support services for homeless single parents with four or more children.

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Emma's Place Selected for National Exhibit on Affordable Housing

Emma's Place, a housing program of Emma Norton Services, has been selected for the National Building Museum's traveling exhibit, "Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset".

The 18 projects illustrated in this exhibition, from across the nation and in a range of urban and rural settings, demonstrate that well-designed developments can offer new opportunities for the least wealthy Americans while creating real value as assets for their surrounding communities. The design excellence achieved in the highlighted projects is prologue to some of the exciting possibilities for affordable housing's future, now being designed by architects across the nation.



Emma's Place provides 13 town home units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless families. All units are in two-story wood frame buildings with private entrances, two bathrooms in each unit and private yards in the inner court. There is one detached garage stall for each unit; two adjacent surface parking lots provide 18 off-street parking stalls for resident and staff use. A playground in the inner court is provided for children living at Emma's Place. Private porches allow parents to watch their children while they play. After school and summer programming, staff offices for supportive services, maintenance services and meeting rooms for the families at Emma's Place are housed in the Commons, a separate building on-site designed and located to encourage residents to participate and build community. Black iron fencing encloses the property. Emma's Place was designed by Cermak Rhoades Architects of St. Paul.

Emma's Place offers homeless single parents, with three or more children, stable and permanent housing in a sober community. Parents benefit from supportive services, learning new job skills and working to rebuild their family. Please visit <http://www.nbm.org/exhibits/traveling/traveling.html> to learn more about the exhibit.

Welcome to Krystal Whisler

Emma Norton Services is pleased to welcome Krystal Whisler in her new role as case manager at Emma Norton Residence. Krystal is a native of Valparaiso, Indiana and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Family Studies from Purdue University.



Her past work experience includes providing family preservation and case management services in Lafayette, Indiana and providing intensive in-home family counseling services to families as a mental health practitioner with Lutheran Social Services in Roseau, Minnesota.

Krystal is recently married and lives with her husband in North Branch where they enjoy spending time on their boat and doing other outdoor activities. Krystal says, "I am excited about the idea of working for such a commendable and honorable organization that is dedicated to helping women in the metro area gain stability and independence." Krystal's hard work and dedication to helping those that are in need will be a positive force as well as an asset to Emma Norton Services. Welcome, Krystal!

Walk For Justice

On September 18, ENS volunteers, residents, staff and friends joined over 110 groups in the Walk for Justice. Over 15 people walked for Emma Norton Services, raising \$2,150 in pledges. Overall, this year's Walk for Justice raised \$195,000, breaking all previous records. We hope you will join us next year. This is a great service opportunity for youth groups or mission groups. Contact Deanna at 651.251.2632 for more information.



Go Shopping — Make a Difference!



This is exactly what area shoppers did on November 20th. Emma Norton Services joined with 24 other community organizations and Simon Malls for the First Annual Simon Evening of Giving, held at

Maplewood Mall from 6-9 pm. The event was an exclusive after-hours shopping affair. Shoppers could take advantage of generous discounts, enter to win fabulous door prizes and enjoy entertainment from local choirs, music groups and entertainers. Plus, over \$1,000 was raised to benefit Emma Norton's programs and services. A big "THANK YOU" to our volunteer ticket sellers and shoppers!

Save the date!

2006 will be here soon, and Emma's is already planning some special events. We hope you will join us!

March 18	Southeast District Dinner
April 26	Northeast District Luncheon
May 9	Emma Norton Services 2006 Annual Dinner
September 17	11 th Annual Headwaters Walk for Justice

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