

Good News From The Humanitarian Service Project

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Naperville Junior Woman's Club Chooses Humanitarian Service Project for Community Improvement Project Grant

The **Humanitarian Service Project** (HSP), 630-221-8340, is pleased to announce that the **Naperville Junior Woman's Club** has chosen HSP as their Community Improvement Project for 2006-2007. The club has been sponsoring senior citizens in their Senior Citizen Project since 1988 and children in their Children's Birthday Project since 1992. HSP was also chosen as the Community Improvement Project in 2000-2001.

In 2007, The Naperville Junior Woman's Club will host the 36th Annual Fall Fashion Show, on Saturday, November 3rd. This fundraising event allows Naperville Junior Woman's Club to support local philanthropies, so mark your calendars.

Happy 40th Anniversary to the Naperville Junior Woman's Club (NJWC)! 2007 commemorates the organization's commitment to serving the community since 1967. Naperville Junior Women continue to dedicate themselves to community improvement through their volunteer efforts. The Naperville Junior Woman's Club strives to provide charitable not-for-profit services to our community. Members volunteer countless hours annually educating children on safety, bringing smiles to the aged, assisting the handicapped and funding many local, state, and national organizations. The Club's annual philanthropic contributions are in excess of \$75,000.

NJWC owns and operates, in junction with community partners the Naperville Police and Fire Departments, Safety Town, located at the corner of River and Aurora Roads. Safety Town includes a classroom building and a kid-sized town complete with buildings, streets, a fire safety house, railroad crossing and traffic signs and signals.

Visit www.napervillejuniors.org for more information on NJWC or Safety Town.

For information on upcoming programs at Safety Town, please send an e-mail to SafetyTown@napervillejuniors.org or call the Safety Town hotline at (630) 369-8400.

The Naperville Junior Woman's Club implemented Safety Town in 1978. Former Mayor George Crandle was instrumental in introducing this new program to Naperville. The Naperville Juniors are able to

teach approximately 1,800 Kindergarten children each year about fire, traffic, police, bicycle, water, animal, and train safety. Safety Town is the largest of the Naperville Juniors community service programs, in 2006 they asked participants to bring a new toy for HSP.

Safety Town is privileged to have their own location. In 1993, the Naperville Safety Town Commission was formed to provide a permanent local for the Safety Town Programs. Safety Town is located at the corner of River and Aurora Roads. It includes a classroom and kid-sized town with buildings, streets, a fire safety house, railroad crossing and traffic signs and signals.

The Naperville Junior Woman's Club are dedicated supporters of HSP. In addition to their financial support, the club also wraps gifts for the Children's Birthday Project and delivers groceries every month for the Senior Citizen Project and during the summer for Feed the Kids. They also volunteer at our center and donate new toys and books for 50 children and gifts for 25 seniors at Christmas.

Karole Kettering, Founder/Executive Director stated, "We are honored to be chosen for the two year Community Improvement Project and feel blessed by all that the wonderful members of the Naperville Junior Woman's Club do to make a difference in the community. We are fortunate to have their continuous and loyal support."

The **Senior Citizen Project**, a division of HSP, was established in 1982. According to the 2000 Census, there are approximately 3,600 seniors in DuPage county living in impoverished conditions. HSP provides 115 of these seniors with 80-90 pounds of groceries per month, including 5 selections of fresh fruits, 6 selections of fresh vegetables, 7 frozen meats, fresh bread and pastries, non-perishable foods and personal care products. Additionally, the seniors' "Secret Pals" purchase and donate items for their senior from his or her wish list. Volunteers deliver the packages monthly to each senior's home. A donation of \$780 fully sponsors a senior for one year. Co-sponsorships of \$390 and monthly sponsorships are also possible.

The **Children's Birthday Project**, a division of HSP established in 1992, brightens the birthdays and Christmases of 1,200 needy children. The 2000 Census reports that 9,000 children live at or below the poverty level in DuPage County. The children ages 3-12 are referred by the county's Department of Human Services, Catholic Charities and other local agencies. Each child receives a 20-25 lb. box containing 4 brand new books, 4 brand new toys, stuffed animals, various filler gifts such as bubbles and card games, school supplies, and a party-in-a box filled with all the items necessary to have a birthday party. These children along with their siblings up to age 15 also receive gifts from their wish list for Christmas. With a donation of \$48 per year, individuals or groups can ensure that a child receives gifts on his or her birthday and at Christmas.

This summer marks the fourth year of HSP's Feed the Kids Project, serving low-income children with much-needed nutritious food during the summer vacation months. Over 16 million children nationwide receive free school lunches during the school year, but get little assistance with food during the long summer vacation. Last year HSP served 50 families with 200 children with a monthly delivery of 150-200 lbs of non-perishables, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and frozen meats. **This year they are serving 75 families with over 300 children.**

HSP is currently looking for food donations for its Senior Citizen Project. The most-needed items are boxed potato meals, boxed pasta meals, pancake mix & syrup, rice, tuna, and main dish meals. HSP also needs canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly, baking items, Mac & Cheese, condiments, pasta, and pasta sauce.

To find more information about HSP's programs or to make a donation please call the Humanitarian Service Project at (630) 221-8340. They are also listed on the Web at www.humanitarianservice.org. If you are interested in joining NJWC, mark your calendar to attend an upcoming Prospective Member Meeting: March 13, 2007 and/or May 8, 2007. Please contact Joelle, First Vice President/Membership & Operations, at 630.904.1599 to learn more or email membership@napervillejuniors.org