



Please join us for a Chamber Music Benefit Concert

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m.

at Bet Shalom Congregation
13613 Orchard Road ~ Minnetonka

TO BENEFIT SOJOURNER PROJECT AND THE BET SHALOM SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Bet Shalom Social Action/Social Justice Committee

featuring...

Marilyn Zupnik, *oboe*

with Minnesota Orchestra members:

J. Christopher Marshall, *bassoon*

Taichi Chen and Catherine Schubilske, *violins*

Matthew Young, *viola*

Eugena Chang, *cello*

in music by Mozart, Schubert, Webern and Devienne

Tickets ~ \$18 in advance ~ \$25 at the door

Please send checks, payable to "Bet Shalom" to:
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Name _____

Address _____

No. of tickets _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

I cannot attend the concert,
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The Sojourner Truth

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS OF SOJOURNER

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Our Mission:
*To provide safe shelter
for women & children,
advocacy and education
for individuals and
communities victimized
by domestic violence.*

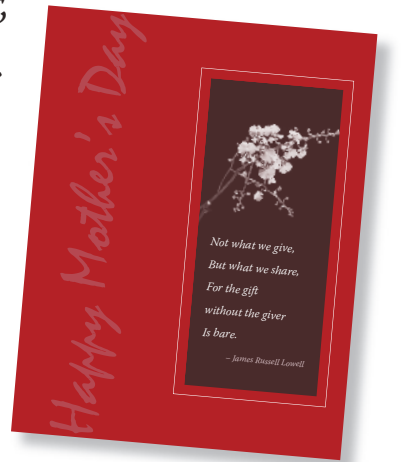
*On this Mother's Day,
as you honor your mother,
please consider helping another...*

For this Mother's Day, May 11, 2008, we are asking you to consider a gift to Sojourner. As you honor a mother in your life, you will help a mother who is struggling to move her children and herself from fear to hope. Every year, Sojourner serves hundreds of women, over half of whom are mothers – over 350 with almost 700 children. These families need all of us to help in any way we can.

The gift you contribute will help Sojourner provide life-saving support to women and their children who are experiencing the devastating effects of domestic violence and abuse. Every dollar helps us provide safety, security and support.

Please get your donation to Sojourner by **May 6th**, in order for us to get a special card by Mother's Day to the person you would like to honor.

Call Ann at 952-351-4061 if you have any questions.



MOTHER'S DAY FUND GIFT FORM

Donor Name: _____

Please write the name as you would like it written on the card.

Message: I wish my card to honor _____
(check one) I wish my card to remember _____

Please send the Mother's Day Card to:	Enclosed Amount:
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Make checks payable to: **Sojourner Project** and mail with gift form to:
Sojourner Project, Mother's Day Fund, P.O. Box 272, Hopkins, MN 55343

An ambassador of cheer to Sojourner

Pookha is a Russian word that means soft, furry companion and that is very appropriate because Pookha is a Golden Retriever. She is nine years old and she and her owner, Wendy Hitch are members of Animal Ambassadors as a pet partner therapy animal team.



Pookha and Wendy have been coming to Sojourner every Tuesday afternoon for just over two years. They are fun and bring a lot of laughter to the shelter when they visit. The children fall in love with the dog and leave Sojourner wanting a "Pookha" of their own.

THE HOLIDAYS AT SOJOURNER

Many groups and individuals made our Holidays at Sojourner very special through their generous support. We wish you could have been here when parents were selecting gifts for their children and to see children coming over to "shop" for special gifts for their moms. The money raised through the Holiday Appeal will help us in many ways throughout 2008. There was such a strong sense of a caring community surrounding us during the holiday season.

Although our 2007 Annual Report will acknowledge all of our supporters, we want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt THANK YOU.....to every person, group, faith-based organization and business that helped to brighten the holidays for so many women and children.

All of us at Sojourner are grateful for the generosity and kindness of so many.



Some Big Changes at Sojourner...

Denise Eng, Community Services Manager with Sojourner, is leaving to take a position with Praxis International. Denise has made invaluable contributions to Sojourner and its programs in her 15 years with the organization. Now she will turn her attention and skills to creating safety for battered women and their children on a national scale. This is an exciting opportunity for Denise, and all of us at Sojourner wish her the very best.



Denise Eng (left) and Holly Jacobson

Holly Jacobson has been hired to succeed Denise. She brings over 20 years of work experience at Sojourner as a legal advocate in the field of domestic violence. She is respected for her knowledge and skills as an advocate as well as for her tireless commitment to battered women.

In her new position, Holly will oversee the delivery of legal advocacy and community services to battered women and their children living in west Hennepin County communities and will work towards building and maintaining collaborative relationships with community partners in our service area.

Reach and Restore – a life preserver

Ronda Oliver is a welcome sight at Sojourner. Reach and Restore (R & R) is a Ministry of Ridgewood Church, and Ronda is its guiding light.

When a family in Sojourner Shelter needs help moving, R & R provides people and wheels to get the job done. When the Shelter has special needs or runs out of specific items, Ronda is called to help.

Ronda Oliver says that Reach & Restore began in 2005 when Katrina devastated the lives of so many. The original vision was that R&R would be a "life preserver" for a few families.

Today, it has evolved to fit an important niche – getting people connected to resources when the traditional services or resources aren't available.

Barbara Rogers, Women's Services Coordinator in the Shelter, notes that R&R truly lives up to its statement that it has a unique ability to fulfill needs quickly across a broad spectrum of services.

Reach and Restore is operated solely by volunteers. Families volunteer together to do what they can. The only financial expense associated with the operation result from storage costs.



Barbara Rogers (left) and Rhonda Oliver

Thank you Ridgewood Church for supporting the important work of Reach and Restore and thank you Rhonda, for all you do to help those in need!

Announcing new Board members

Sojourner is pleased to announce the election of two new members to its Board of Directors.



has volunteered for Sojourner for several years.

Vicki McGinty is a realtor with Edina Realty at the Park West Office. Vicki is involved with many community organizations, and



a long association with Sojourner throughout those years.

Mark Raquet is Chief of Police for the city of Minnetonka. Mark is a 23-year veteran with the department and has had

ANNOUNCING...

Women's Therapy Group

An eight-week group for women healing from domestic abuse

Tuesdays, beginning May 6 ~ 6 to 8:15 p.m.

Minnetonka
FREE CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE

Topics include:

Definitions, Myths & Causes of Violence
Survival Skills – Coping with the Abuse
Healthy Relationships

For more information, call 952-935-1004.
For intake, call April at 612-874-7063, ext. 286.

Think Spring! NEEDS AT SOJOURNER

Here is Sojourner's Spring Clothing Drive Wish List. If you have any of these items and would like to set up an appointment to drop them off please call Chrissy at 952-351-4062. (Our summer clothing drive will be the second week of June.)

WOMEN'S SPRING CLOTHING

(new or VERY GENTLY used and current style please)

Jeans and casual pants: size 16-24
Casual tops/long sleeve t-shirts: size XL-3X
Cotton pajamas: ALL SIZES
Light weight jackets: sizes 4-10 and 18-28
Robes: all sizes

NEW ITEMS

Women's socks: all sizes
Women's underwear: all sizes esp. 6-7
Women's bras: all sizes esp. 38-42 (all cup sizes)
Safety pins
Chapstick
Pacifiers
Teething rings
Anti-bacterial ointment
Size 5 diapers
Paper plates