GREATER KANSAS CITY SECTION

**MARCH 2003** 

Board the bus to
Atchison, Kansas
Wednesday, April 30, 2003
FOR A DAY OF SHOPPING AT NELL HILLS
SIGHTSEEING AND LUNCH (DUTCH TREAT)

The bus will leave from
Temple B'nai Jehudah Learning Center
(12320 Nall)
at 9:00 a.m.
and leave Atchison at 2:00 p.m.
to return to Overland Park by 3:00 p.m.

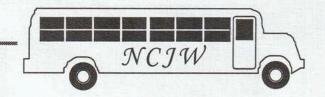
Seating is limited.

Your \$15.00 check is your reservation.

Friends are welcome!

Send your \$15.00 check by April 23<sup>rd</sup> to: NCJW, 5750 W. 95th Street, Suite 118
Shawnee Mission, KS 66207

For questions, call 913.648.0747



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



at the 2003 Leadership Conference in Chicago, March 5-9. What a stimulating experience it was to network with women from all over the country. Everytime I attend one of the National events I realize that we are a part of a very powerful Jewish women's organization making a difference locally, nationally and in Israel.

NCJW's new branding initiative was introduced at the conference. Look for more information to come in the next few months and also watch for the new NCJW logo as part of the branding.

You should have received your **About and Between** telling you about the Passover and Mother's Day Rose Sale. All funds will be used to support NCJW programs that benefit women, children and families. You will find an order blank in this Bulletin.

Watch your mail for your invitation to the June 8th Awards Evening.

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the Board to wish you and your families a very Happy Passover.

Ellen

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**WOMEN HELPING WOMEN** 

**OCTOBER 22, 2003** 



#### CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED

NCJW is in need of new and gently used children's books for our Kids and Teachers=School (KATS) project. If you wish to help by donating books, please bring them to the NCJW office. (913.648.0747)

# **WISH LIST**

PENTIUM 2 OR BETTER COMPUTER WANTED FOR NCJW OFFICE

# Save the Date

Sunday, June 8th

# Awards Evening

Presentation of:

Hannah G. Solomon

NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section Community Service Award

Service To Section

Emerging Leader

Jeannie Levitt Leadership

NCJW is a volunteer organization inspired by Jewish values, that works through a program of research, education, advocacy and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

# LIGHT UP A LIFE CAMPAIGN

Roni R. Beshears and Janet Mark Campaign Co-Chairs

A heartfelt thank you to our LIGHT UP A LIFE (LUAL) donors and team of callers for a truly remarkable campaign. Our thanks to VML and their staff who worked creatively and professionally on the production and distribution of the fundraising brochure sent to our members and prospective donors. We appreciate the willingness and generosity of VML in helping us with this project, as they did for the last campaign.

At this time, we have raised \$14,000 and still counting! As of February 28, 2003, over 100 members and non-members have pledged or contributed to LUAL making this campaign our most successful direct mail fundraiser yet.

We would like to acknowledge VML, Dierdre Baker, and Karin Golden as Donors of Distinction for their contribution of \$1500 or more to this campaign. They will be formally recognized at our upcoming awards ceremony on June 8. Please join us at that time to celebrate *our* success supporting NCJW and its mission.

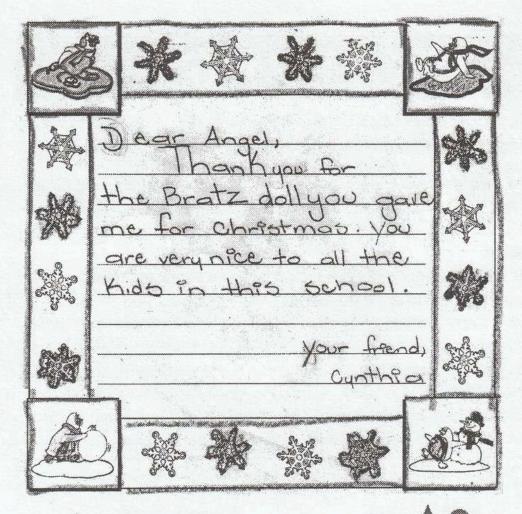
LUAL Team of Callers: Ellen Dalen, Berenice Haberman, Barbara Holzmark, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Naomi Kauffman, Meg Adler, Dierdre Baker, Diane Balanoff, Paulette Giarratana, Julie Hakan, Janet Mark, Symie Menitove, Ellen Portnoy, Eileen Sherman, Merna Siegler, Barbara Warady, Ann Stern, Barbara Cosner, Merle Cole, and Roni Beshears.

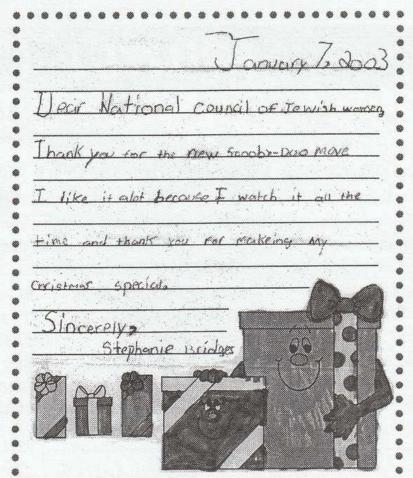
Light Up A Life 2002-2003 Campaign			
<u>\$2000 +</u>	Joy Kaplan	Shelly DeWoskin	Stephanie Pessin
VML	Ruth Karol	in memory of Sara Lena Shapiro	Carol Porter
\$1,500 to \$1999	Naomi Kauffman	Susan Feinberg	Janet Price
Dierdre & Ronnie Baker	in memory of Suzanne Schultz	Milisa Flekier	Lisa Klein Raich
in memory of Alice	Sevi Krigel	in memory of Abe Flekier	in memory of Ann Jacobs
Goldsmith and Lou Baker	Frank Lipsman & Janet Mark	Jackie Fleschman	Judy Rope
Karin Golden	Donor Advised Fund of JCF	in memory of Sara Lena &	Jean Rubenstein
\$1000 - \$1499	of Gr. K.C.	Paul Shapiro	Debra Rubin
Daniel & Ann Stern Fund of	Symie Menitove	Eva Frank	Gloria Schlossenberg
the JCF of Gr. K.C.	Rowena Milens	SuEllen Fried	Susan Seidler
Lois Winston/Louis &	Rosanne Rosen	Frances Wang Gershon	Amy Shapiro
Dorothy Cumonow Fund	Gerean Rudnick	Gloria Goodfriend	Ruth Shechter
\$500 - \$999	Stevie Shuchart	Phyllis Green	in honor of recovery of Anne
Roni Roth Beshears	Merna Siegler	Joyce Halper	Levine
Cathy Boyer-Shesol	Donna Thalblum	Marsha Herman	Judy Sherry
Jean Brown	Shirley White	Jill Jacob	in honor of recovery of Phil
Paulette Giarratana	To \$99	in honor of B'nai Mitzvah	Brown
Alayne Mooney	Adrianne Applebaum	of Amy Shapiro, Julie	Marian Shultz
Eileen Sherman	Barbara Atlas	Ullman, Rhea S. Kaseff	Aletha Simon
\$250 - \$499	in honor of recovery of	Ann Kander	Lois Singer
Ronald & Susan Goldsmith	Alana Seelig	Lee Kanter	Betty Slegman
Philanthropic Fund of the	Janet Baker	in memory of Arnold Kanter	Robbie Small
JCF '	Diane Balanoff	Rose Karbank	in memory of Stan Rose
Julie Hakan	Fayna Belzer	Jean Karroll	Sarah Small
Ellen Portnoy	Phyllis Belzer	in memory of Lou White	Tea Stiefel
Elaine Ryder	Judy Jacks Berman	Linda Katz	in honor of Ann & Dan Stern
Barbara Warady	Constance Bernstein	in memory of Jimmie Taylor	Janet Stulz
<u>\$100 - \$249</u>	Jenifer Blum	Lynn Kaufman	in memory of Jay Stulz
Meg Adler	Frances Brown	Rebecca Lampl	Sandra Suffian
Heather Aronoff	Saurine Brown	Lisa Lefkovitz	Peggy Titens
Betty Barnett	Bonnie Buchbinder	Doreen Leifer	Debbie Trenton
Barbara Cosner	Rose Carr	in memory of Greta Zobel	Ester Udell
Ellen Dalen	in honor of Alana Muller	Cynthia Liebenthal	Susan Weiner
Sandi Fried	receiving Dan Fingersh	in memory of Sherry Kaplan	Teresa Wohlner
Berenice Haberman	Young Leadership Award	Anna Lee Litvak	Shirley Zeinfeld
Barbara Holzmark	Merle Cole	in memory of Peggy Juda	Darlene Zimmerman
Brita Horowitz	in honor of recovery	Judith Mayer	
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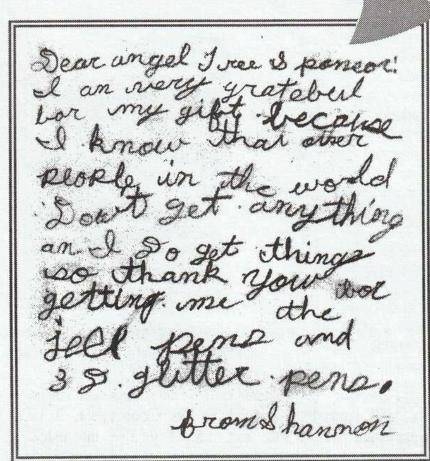
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Angel Project
Thank Yous!





M. E. Pearson Elementary School 310 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, Ks 66102 (913) 627-3150 Fax: (913) 627-3176 www.kckps.k12.ks.us

December 20, 2002

To: All Sponsors of the M. E. Pearson Elementary School Angel Project

The joy that you brought to the students at our school cannot be described in words. We are so appreciative of your kindness and thoughtfulness. Because of your generosity, all 800 students will receive a gift from Santa Claus. We are grateful that you were involved in contributing to the happiness of many children who possibly would not have anything for Christmas. May progress, success, and blessing come to your staff for your heartfelt contributions? Again, I say THANK YOU!!!!

The children received their presents on Friday, December 20, 2002. You will receive their thank you notes, after they are written, when they come back from their winter break, which will be Monday, January 6, 2003

#### YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!!

Sincerely yours,
Michael Windes, Principal



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2/27/03

To: Kansas City Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women

We would like to express our appreciation to the National Council of Jewish Women's Kansas City chapter for all of their efforts at M.E. Pearson Elem.

We are a high-poverty school with a large diversity of cultures and languages and your support has been invaluable in helping us maintain a positive learning environment.

The monthly birthday celebrations are thoroughly appreciated by the students. Providing positive role models with whom our students can interact is vital to our students' social growth. Our students look forward to their birthday month and are excited to feel special during the celebration.

Our Angel Project provides ALL of our students a gift for the holidays. Without your support our ability to achieve this outcome would be greatly hindered. NCJW called upon many resources to ensure our students each received a gift. Approximately 300 gifts can be attributed to NCJW's efforts. That is over a 1/3 of our school!!

Back to school is always a difficult time financially for our parents and your contributions of school supplies and clothes helped make that an easier time for our families

Providing our families with professional clothing and our students with necessary clothing items has reduced the stress load that many of our families incur. Quality clothing is always a challenge and our parents appreciated the opportunity to obtain clothing appropriate for job interviews and work requirements.

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Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are currently utilizing the dictionaries provided.

Everyday I have seen dictionaries being used as references and for skill building. Our students are excited about having ownership of the dictionaries and are taking great care of the resource.

There are other numerous contributions that would require pages to describe. We are continually striving to provide our children with the resources they need to be successful life long learners and support their academic and social goals in a safe environment. NCJW has been an integral part of our goals and our success. We are very appreciative of the numerous efforts and look forward to continuing this important relationship. Thank you again for all you have done and continue to do!

Thank you,

Michael Windes
Michael Windes

Principal
M.E. Pearson Elem.

Jeff Green
Assistant Principal
M.E. Pearson Elem.





# KATS Adds Second School To Birthday Party Project

Kids and Teachers=School (KATS) has added a second school to the monthly birthday party project. Douglas Elementary School, Kansas City, Kansas is a school of 400 students most of which are on free or reduced lunch (poverty level). Following in the model set up at M. E. Pearson Elementary, birthday parties are done once a month in collaboration with our high school partners from Shawnee Mission East SHARE (Student's Helping in Areas Related to Education). All 5 students that have a birthday that month eat lunch at a birthday table, get treats and a book for their birthday. For most this is the only party they will have and gift they will receive. After two parties we are told that the rest of the students are anxiously awaiting their birthday.





# Dictionary Day at M. E. Pearson Elementary

January saw the first giveaway of dictionaries at M. E. Pearson Elementary School. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders (over 350 students) received their own dictionary. This project will be continued in 3rd grades from now on. Students were excited to be getting their own dictionary to use in class this year and then keep.

March will see NCJW giving 3rd graders at Douglas Elementary (60 students) their own dictionaries.

The teachers at Pearson said it was a great help for students to have their own dictionaries to use for assignments. Many lessons are planned around dictionary use.

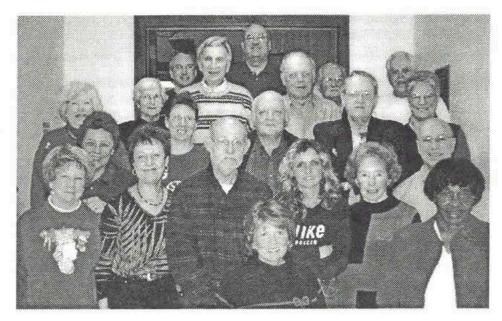
# Parties for the Blind . . . The Tradition Continues

The success of the December Party for the Blind sponsored by Shirley and Barnett Helzberg attests to the fact that NCJW's longest-running project is still going strong! Held at the Central United Methodist Church on December 18, the event celebrated the holiday with all hands cooperating to make it an afternoon to remember.

Picture the scene: Karla Harris served as Mistress of Ceremonies from her wheelchair, guiding the program with the aid of a roving microphone. The Party room was transformed into an instant stage as talented blind performers filled the air with music and song. Many of the vision-impaired guests, not content to merely attend the program, provided pre-event planning, menu selection, catering arrangements and suggestions for filling and distributing gift bags. "It was a joy to see so many guests engaged in the actual implementation of the afternoon's program," according to chairperson Symie Menitove.

Joan Cody, a newcomer to NCJW, serves as Volunteer Coordinator for the 2003-04 season. Special thanks to NCJW "bakers" who provided a delicious selection of dessert items and quick breads that complemented the take-home gift bags: Meg Adler, Dianne Balanoff, Roni Beshears, Bonnie Buchbinder, Barbara Gorodetsky, Berenice Haberman, Arlene Hart, Margie Montague, Susan Osman, Merna Siegler and Sarah Small.

Heartfelt thanks to Party benefactors Shirley and Barnett Helzberg, Bear Creek Soups, Heart-to-Heart and Lands End for their kind donation of gift bag items. Einstein Bagels of Brookside, Bill Redwine and Jonice Stone graciously donated door prizes. Without the great assistance of the Alphapointe Association for the Blind in coordinating transportation and all our NCJW volunteers who, among other things, set, served and cleared the luncheon dishes, the December event



Parties for the Blind volunteers hale from the entire community.

(Rear - from left): John Kean, Arnold Cole, Herb Baker

(Next row - from left): Peggy Hembree, Rena Johnathan,

Richard Silberg, John Trantham, Herman Schiffman

(Next row - from left): Jerry Dixon, Julie Messplay, Eddie Kramer,

Bill Redwine, Jonice Stone (Next row - from left): Joan Cody,

Jill Jacob, Jerold Pelosky, Pam Dale, Blossom Block, Charles Gay,

Bessie Hill (Front) Charlotte McGahan

would not have been the success it was.

"We who are sighted soon forget that our guests are less fortunate. They speak with pride of their accomplishments and join in the good fellowship that prevails. These individuals display a dignity and a spirit that brings out the best in each of us. It is a pleasure to spend an afternoon in their company and to share their obvious joy in the parties. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. May we add, to attend at least one Party for the Blind is a gift you owe yourself," says Menitove & Cody

Parties are scheduled on April 15 and May 20. To serve as a volunteer or future benefactor Symie at (816) 523-2933.

#### RETHINK INK

Help NCJW by dropping of your used inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, or fax machine cartridges at the NCJW office. Your old cartridges mean money for NCJW programs.

## Parties for the Blind - Party Dates

April 15 May 20

### A Big Thank You!

NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section graciously acknowledges the following PFTB sponsors for 2002 - 2003:

October Beth Shalom Sisterhood

November Rae Block

December Shirley & Barnett Helzberg

March AlphaPointe Association for the Blind

April Bertha Silberg
May Ron & Dierdre Baker

Hope Line - Don't discard your old cell phone - drop it off at the NCJW office. In collaboration with Verizon Wireless, we are collecting used cell phones to be refurbished or sold and the proceeds go into a fund for domestic violence shelters. Phones do not need to work.

# NCJW Vows to Defend 30 Years of Reproductive Freedom for Women

To mark the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that affirmed the right of women to choose abortion, the Greater Kansas City Section of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) has vowed to redouble its efforts to ensure that Roe is not overturned by the Supreme Court or weakened by hostile lower courts. NCJW Greater Kansas City Section President Ellen Dalen issued the following statement:

"The 1973 landmark decision in Roe v. Wade was a critical step in the emancipation of women as critical in many ways as gaining the right to vote. Women cannot be full equal participants in society unless they can make decisions about their own health and fertility. Yet the right to choose abortion and the right to privacy on which it is based have been under attack from the moment Roe v. Wade was decided. That decision now hangs by a thread in the Supreme Court, where it has survived in a series of 5-4 votes.

"As part of BenchMark: NCJW's Campaign to Save Roe, the Greater Kansas City Section has pledged to mobilize its own members, the larger Jewish community in Kansas City, and others to ensure that the Senate confirms only those judicial nominees who express a commitment to fundamental freedoms, especially reproductive rights. This Roe anniversary could well be the last if federal courts appellate courts and the Supreme Court are packed with right-wing, anti-choice jurists. NCJW's Greater Kansas City Section is proud to be part of the National Council of Jewish Women's nationwide effort to save women's reproductive freedom."

NCJW is a volunteer organization, inspired by Jewish values, that works to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and to ensure individual rights and freedoms through research, education, advocacy, and community service programs initiated by its network of 90,000 volunteers supporters, and members nationwide. It has launched BenchMark: NCJW's Campaign to Save Roe, a national effort to educate and mobilize NCJW members, the Jewish community and friends and allies everywhere to promote a federal bench with judges that support fundamental freedoms, including a woman's right to choose.

# HELLO ISRAEL

In spite of the many confusions in school scheduling, our HELLO ISRAEL VOLUNTEERS have shown what a true commitment they have to this wonderful project. We have had to call upon so many volunteers at the last minute with request from schools this year and many of you have been willing to step in and help whenever possible. You have our promise that next year we will see that ALL schools are notified in a timely fashion and we will have fewer last minute emergencies. NCJW thanks all the HELLO ISRAEL PRESENTERS FOR THEIR UNTIRING EFFORT.

Occasionally, there is someone who steps up and goes well beyond simply helping. When both co-chairs were out of town, Estelle Berman made numerous calls and rescheduled snow days to enable the program to go on without a hitch. We thank Estelle for her ongoing and untiring effort on behalf of this meaningful program.

HELLO ISRAEL is presented to sixth grade students in the Shawnee Mission School District giving a picture of the culture, history and lifestyle of Israel. The students enjoy the program and the teachers repeatedly request us to return each year. This program is especially important at this time as it shows how democracy is working in Israel. Anyone who would like to learn more about presenting 4 to 5 times per school year, please contact Phyllis Green at 913.345.9939 or Barbara Cosner at 913.381.5365.

# Scholarship Receipent Thanks NCJW

To the wonderful National Council of Jewish Women and Mr. & Mrs. Bert Berkley,

I am so grateful to finally be able to report of the success I have acquired at Xavier University of Louisiana, and share them with those of you who have shared so much with me. First let me start by extending my thanks to the entire scholarship committee, the gracious Berkley family, and to this great organization. Thank you for being such an advocate of education, and for giving me the opportunity to have a semester that could be dedicated to learning without financial discrepancies. You may think that you are a small part in the delicacy called college; but I think that you are a bigger portion than you will ever know. I am pleased to announce that for the 2002 fall semester, I earned a 3.6 grade point average; an average great enough to place my name on the Dean's List. I hope that you continue to support those students with college aspirations. Again, National Council of Jewish Women and Mr. & Mrs. Bert Berkley, I say thank you.

Sincerely,
Sincerely,
Elisha Talbert (2002 Scholarship Recipient)

P.S. My information is as follows: Xavier University of Louisiana 1 Drexel Drive Box # 55 St. Joe Dorm New Orleans, LA 70125 citalbert anointed1@yahoo.com

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Permenant Address: 3312 E. 73<sup>rd</sup>. Street Kansas City, MO. 64132 7

# THANKS! YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE! You Made "THRIFTIQUE" A Smashing Success!

Generous Donors, Wonderful Volunteers, Experienced and New, Members and Spouses, Daughters and Grandchildren, Friends Old and New who gave months, weeks, days in the heat, in the rain, in the air conditioning, in garages, and all the little jobs that brought Thriftique together.....WE THANK YOU! If we failed to get your name on the "sign-in sheets" we thank you anyway and appreciate your donations and your time!

Margie Adler, Meg Adler, Adrianne Applebaum, Heather Aronoff, Dierdre, Ronnie & Kendra Baker, Sam & Janice Balot, Betty Barnett, Lynn Barnett, Janice Benjamin, Sarah Beren, Marilyn Berenbom, Estelle Berman, Constance Bernstein, Roni, Elizabeth & Mark Beshears, Betty Bikson, Jan Block, Lois Bernstein, Rowene Bossart, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Jean & Bud Brown, Barbara Brown, Rachael Brown, Frances Brozman, Bonnie Buchbinder, Thelma Byers, Anne Chasnoff, Linda Cohen, Laurence Cohen, M.D., Ellen & Michael Dalen, Anita Daniels, Julie Erdner, Sylvia Eveloff, Janice Finkelston, Jackie & Sheldon Fleschman, Aileen Forman, Barbara Frager, Bernie Fromm, Gloria Fry, Louise Garfinkel, Frances Gershon, Julie, Peter & Jim Gerson, Paulette Giarratana, Roz Ginsburg, Carol Glass, Carolyn Goldman, Rosa Ray Goldman, Rosemary Gorin,

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Natalie Nearenberg, Beverly Newman, Susie Osman, Florence Pack, Shirley Passman, Irene Pasternak, Miriam Pittell, Ellen & Laura Portnoy, Janet & Harold Price, Carole Price, Lois Rosenbloom, Eunice Ruben, Anna Lee & Irving Rubin, Gerean Rudnick, Elaine Ryder, Sandy Salz, Marge Schlosberg, Marilyn Schoenfeld, Mark Schonwetter, Myra Shalot, Ruth Shechter, Neal Sherman, Steve & John Shuchart, Myra & Lester Siegel, Merna Siegler, Aletha & Robert Simon, Sonny Singer, Gordon Slabotsky, Elaine & Myron Slotsky, Sarah Small, Beth Smith, Ilene Smith, Barbara & Arthur Stern, Cecil Stern, Shirley Stettner, Rose Stolowy, Marilyn Strauss, Janet Stulz, Joanne Tankel, John Uhlmann, Jerome Tilzer, Ruthie Tivol, Carol Trenton, Ester Udell, Barbara Warady, Bobbi & Gene White, Herbert Winer, Rhea Wolf, and Abe Yeddis.

To the many COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS whose donations of merchandise, physical locations and "moving and prepping" helped hold down our overhead to a minimum, WE THANK YOU for your generous support!

Steve Choikhit and Commercial Ventures Inc.
The Tutera Group
Roz Ginsburg
Village Presbyterian Church Food Pantry
B-G Service Solutions
Jim Sloss of Sign Pro
Whitney Graves of Metal Works Company
Jim Holzmark of New York Bakery & Delicatessen
Ty Hampshire
Nova Services
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Sherry Lieberman of ETC.
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Silk 'n Stuff
L.L. Wright
Fashions-At-Large
Chic-A'Dees Trophy & Engraving Inc.
Coca-Cola Bottling of Mid-America
Pappa Murphy's Pizza

To the twelve (12) **Social Service Agencies** who participated in "OPERATION CLOTHE ME" sending 271 members representing 77 families to shop free after Thriftique, we are most happy to have served some of their unmet needs:

SafeHome
Jewish Family & Children's Services
Jackson County CASA
Johnson County CASA
Re-Start Inc.
Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry

FAO Schwartz

Catholic Charities
Social Rehabilitation Services
Faith Friends
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City
Newhouse for Battered Women
Literacy Kansas City.

# THRIFTIQUE Success!



Barbara Holzmark presents \$11,000 check from Thriftique to Ellen Dalen, President.

To our generous VENDORS who added a nice touch to the Member Event: Penny Sherwin of Silver Links, Zvia with Israli Jewelry, Linda Cohen, "Hot Lips", Brooke Cashion, Yard Arts, and Julie Erdner and Angie Smith of "Gotcha Covered".

The remainder of merchandise was donated to: Blue Valley North Theatrical Department, Village Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, Faith Friends, Goodwill, Hadassah, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Re-Start and Women Helping Women.

Our wonderful NCJW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Linda Kelley took many a message, helped numerous volunteers, delivered carloads of clothing and even worked major shifts! Our Fabulous VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR of the Kansas City Symphony, Leigh Smith was always on hand to meet with us and give us moral support! Many Thanks for your Dedication Ladies!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Winner of the Volunteer Drawing where all names were entered each time a shift was worked....Heather Aronoff received a \$ 100 gift certificate to the Plaza Association.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Jim Holzmark for his dedication to Thriftique, NCJW and SWA, to Ellen Dalen, President of NCJW and Ruby Scott Meyers, President of SWA and to their "gents" Michael and Dan for their tireless hours and support of Thriftique. AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, the tried and true, Thriftique Advisory Board and other dedicated volunteers who spent many months planning and deciding, and then weeks collecting, moving, sorting, cleaning, mending, ironing, categorizing, tagging, pricing, separating, folding, binding, hanging, piecing, fixing and setting up "The Perfect Sale."

THE OUTCOME: \$22,000.00 was the net figure. An increase from \$16,000.00 the prior year. Both NCJW and SWA realized \$11,000.00 each and look forward to late October, 2003 to the next Thriftique Sale.

THE CONSTANT QUESTION: WILL YOU TAKE MY **DONATIONS NOW???** 

THE ANSWER: We would love to say YES...but we need your help in securing a "temporary holding place" until a permanent sale location is found for Thriftique 2003! Most donors will not allocate empty space prior to two (2) months 9in advance! Any person having information on space we are unaware of, please notify LINDA at the NCJW Office at 913.648.0747.

UNTIL INTAKE WEEKEND, October 17th, 18th, and 19th, PLEASE save your New, Nearly New, Gently Worn Clothing "ON HANGERS" and your Antiques and finer bric-a-brac in light weight boxes! Major ideas for Thriftique Advisory Board are accepted all year, and WHAT is not BECOMING to you, SHOULD BE COMING to "Thriftique" for our October Sale! Many Thanks! Barbara Holzmark, Chairman

SAFEHOME's mission is to break the cycle of sexual and domestic violence and abuse.

Prime Health Foundation awarded a grant to the Metropolitan Family Violence coalition to begin a metro-wide medical advocacy program, with SAFE-HOME being the lead agency. Sharon Katz, Executive Director, said "Kansas City is only the second metropolitan area in the United States to have a metrowide, medical-based domestic violence advocacy program." The program will be a valuable resource for the Johnson County hospitals."

In today's medical settings, liability

issues, increased patient loads, hospital regulations, and a myriad of other paper work pose time-related issues for staff. Gone are the days when nurses and other hospital staff can take all the time they want to visit with a patient and offer them the comfort and resources they need. Now, with just a phone call, SAFEHOME will provide that comfort and resource to domestic violence victims who find themselves at a medical facility.

SAFEHOME's Healthcare Advocacy Coordinator, Aimee Patton, will train hospital staff on the importance of screening for domestic violence, and

then how to respond with empathy and support. She will be on call during the daytime hours to respond to hospitals' requests to see patients who are victims and want additional resources from SAFEHOME. Volunteers will handle the after-hours calls from hospitals. Volunteers will be able to provide victim-patients with safety planning, resources, emergency shelter services, legal resources, referrals and domestic violence information.

Please call Susan Lebovitz, Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator, 913.432. 9300, ext. 18, if you're interested in volunteering on the exciting new project!

# BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The **NCJW Members' Insurance Program** wants to help you achieve peace of mind, knowing your family is financially secure. By providing high quality insurance plans at affordable group rates, we have met that goal. The following insurance plans offer comprehensive coverage with extensive options that can be tailored to meet your family's individual needs.

#### Catastrophic Major Medical

Our catastrophic major medical insurance plan is supplemental coverage designed to cover those additional medical expenses not normally covered by your regular health insurance.

#### **Medicare Supplement**

Medicare Supplement insurance helps to fill in the gaps in your Medicare coverage.

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