

Immanuel St. Joseph's Foundation

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2006 marks record grants from Immanuel St. Joseph's Foundation

Over \$915,000 awarded

MANKATO – Thirty-two grants totaling over \$915,000 were awarded by Immanuel St. Joseph's Foundation in 2006 — the largest annual dollar amount distributed in the Foundation's 17-year history.

Funds came from the generosity of individuals and businesses throughout the region, some given for specific purposes and others directed to areas of greatest need.

Dollars awarded include \$142,334 to help support Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospice services in Mankato, St. Peter, Le Sueur, Springfield, Arlington, Waseca and Madelia. The largest amount awarded through a grant in 2006 was designated to the Generations of Care Campaign to support the new Immanuel St. Joseph's heart center. This \$300,000 gift came in the form of a bequest from Al and Erla Fallenstein and will be used to help fund construction of the new heart center.

Over \$223,000 was allocated to a variety of community programs and organizations including: Regional Continuing Health Care Education Center; Yellow Ribbon MN/Light for Life Foundation; South Central Youth Health Care Conference; Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS); and 14 hospital departments according to the requests of donors. An additional \$250,000 was directed to provide new physical therapy and rehabilitation equipment for the Physical Medicine Department at Immanuel St. Joseph's Madison East location.

“Our hospital is growing to become a regional medical center, and the community is supporting our growth through the Foundation,” says Patty Christensen, chair of the Foundation Board.

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All grants awarded by the Foundation must support the mission of the hospital. Grant applications are evaluated by members of the Foundation's volunteer community board, who help match donated funds to the real needs of patients and members of the community and are available at www.isjfoundation.org or by calling 507-385-2932.

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