

## *Mother's Day Gift Bag Program*

It is time to once again begin collecting for the annual St. Paul's Mother's Day Gift Bags for the mothers participating in the Cathedral Shelter's Cressey House Program.

Each year for the past several year's St. Paul's has provided a gift bag for Mother's day for each of the 18 women in Cressey House. Items included personal care and toiletry items for the women and can include: shower gel, bubble bath, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes, nail care products, feminine products, tissues, make up, perfumes, soap, sponges, etc. Any items that a women in your life would like to receive as a gift. Donations of the gift bags themselves are also very helpful.

What does Cressey House do? Cressey is a fairly new ministry of the Cathedral Shelter, opening in 1998 to provide transitional housing for homeless individuals and single parents in recovery. Cressey is among only a handful of supporting housing programs in the Midwest to permit homeless men and women in recovery to live with their children. Cressey's safe, drug-free environment, coupled with the many supportive services Cathedral Shelter offers has produced results where 90% of the Cressey residents remained drug free in 2006.

Please support this wonderful initiative – each year the residents have received a gift bag with a value of approximately \$50.00 of useful items. Items will be collected from now until the end of April when the bags will be packed and delivered to Cathedral Shelter.

If you would like more information on Cressey House and the Cathedral Shelter ministries, please go to: [www.cathedralshelter.org/programs/](http://www.cathedralshelter.org/programs/)

If you would like more information on how you can participate in Social Ministry Programs at St. Paul's, please contact Sabrina Olsen, at 708-442-0552 or send an email to [solsen@lumc.edu](mailto:solsen@lumc.edu).