



## UMM Receives Points of Light Award

United Methodist Ministries is excited to be the recipient of a 2009 Governor's Points of Light Award in the Group category. The award honors those who have made a commitment to connect people through service to help meet critical needs in their communities.

According to Reverend Stephanie Ahlschwede, Executive Director, "Four years ago United Methodist Ministries made the decision to increase volunteerism as a strategy towards our goal of eradicating hunger, poverty, and racism in Southeast Nebraska. It has taken time, planning, flexibility

and creativity to build our volunteer programs. This award has helped us to take a moment to reflect and give thanks for all the people who have given their time so generously. We appreciate the support we have received from the community, and now from the Governor's office and State of Nebraska."

In 2008, United Methodist Ministries worked with 363 volunteers who contributed over 1100 hours of mission and justice work. To date, in 2009, United Methodist Ministries has worked with 366 volunteers from Nebraska and surrounding states.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### Youth Events

**October 18, 2009**  
Stand Up Against  
Poverty

**November 7, 2009**  
Day of the Arts for  
Middle School Youth

**January 18, 2010**  
MLK Day of Service

**April 24, 2010**  
Global Youth Service  
Day

### Help Kids Get Ready for Back to School

Many local agencies in our area are assisting families and students get ready for back to school by collecting and distributing much needed school supplies. United Methodist Ministries is asking you and your congregations to consider supporting these agencies in their efforts. Listed below are three options of ways that you can get involved with the Back To School Supply Drive.

#### Pearl Community Center

Items Needed: backpacks, t-shirts (all sizes and styles), underwear (all sizes and styles), notebooks, pens/pencils/crayons. Items can be delivered to Pearl Pantry, 2319 Ogden Street, Omaha, NE, 402.453.7440

#### Jackson Elementary School (located in Omaha)

Items Needed: backpacks, tennis shoes (all sizes), markers, pencils, crayons. Items can be delivered to United Methodist Ministries office, 2665 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE, 402.898.9862

#### SENCA (Southeast Nebraska Community Action)

Items Needed: backpacks, 3 Ring Binders, notebooks, scissors, markers/crayons/pens. Items can be delivered to any local SENCA Community Center.

If you have any questions regarding the Back To School Supply Drive, please contact Lisa Maupin, 402.898.9862 or [lmaupin@bigmuddyumc.org](mailto:lmaupin@bigmuddyumc.org).

