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### **Sojourners Offers Spring Dinner Theater**

As a complement to the 2007 Spring Literary Arts Festival, Sojourners will host a gourmet dinner Saturday, April 14 in the cafetorium of the Vinton County High School. The dinner will be followed by a free production of *I Remember Mama* by John Van Druten. The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. when the play will begin. The Norwegian inspired menu features Marinated Baked Chicken with Norwegian Cream Sauce, Traditional Kjøttkaker (cauliflower, garlic and cheese infused mashed potatoes), Green Beans Wrapped in Bacon, Spring Greens Salad with European Vinaigrette, Chocolate Cardamom Cake, and Julekake (cardamom) Bread. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and may be purchased from Community Friends Players and at the Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library and Sojourners. Seating is limited and tickets will be sold through April 10 th.

*I Remember Mama*, which is being presented by the Friends Community Players, is an emotion and humor packed account of life in the immigrant Norwegian Hanson family in early 20<sup>th</sup> century San Francisco. Filled with lovable characters and heart warming situations, the story is told with kindness and affection through the eyes of the eldest daughter, Katrin.

“In the spirit of the play, we thought it would be fun to use some Norwegian recipes for our 2007 Spring Dinner,” said Shelly Horvath, director of communications for Sojourners. “I think our dinner guests will be pleasantly surprised to discover how delicious Norwegian cooking can be.”

A silent auction will be held during the evening. The auction will feature a selection of original art and high quality crafts, including, jewelry, pottery, paintings and prints. Also included in the auction are gift certificates from area businesses.

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“Our Arts and Others” silent auction was a big success last year. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase high quality Appalachian arts and crafts, and are very appreciative of the support we receive from area artists and businesses,” Horvath said.

All proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will benefit a summer enrichment program of Sojourners. “Summer @ Sojo”, operated by the Appalachian MentorCorps, provides fun and educational activities for young people in foster care and Vinton County community children, including special trips to the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Zoo and IMAX Theater, Paramount Kings Island, and a Columbus Clippers game. Funds raised through the dinner and auction will also help defray the costs of transportation and craft supplies for these summer activities.

For more information about the Sojourners Spring Dinner or to buy tickets, contact Shelly Horvath at 740-591-6649 or [shorvath@sojournerscare.net](mailto:shorvath@sojournerscare.net).

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