January 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2006

Dear Applicant:

The Service for Social Action Center is looking for up to eight juniors or seniors to live in the Mother Jones House next year. This is more than another housing option. It is an important and unique living and service experience that may very well change how you view service, your future career, and your faith. The Mother Jones House is a student service-learning residence created by a partnership between Wheeling Jesuit University the Laughlin Memorial Chapel (LMC). The Mother Jones House is located in the most ethnically diverse and economically challenged neighborhood in Wheeling. Residents of the house live among or nearby the families and children they meet in work at LMC’s after school programs (K-12), at the Catholic Neighborhood Center food programs, the Lincoln Center for incarcerated youths, the Wheeling Health Right clinic, and other service sites. In this year-long program, each student in the house commits to participate in:

- 10 hours of service in East Wheeling each week;
- a weekly “community night” dinner for neighbor, friends, faculty, staff, and guests;
- a prayer session with house members each week;
- a weekly house meeting; and
- a fall semester service-learning course, Community Service in American Culture.

The goal of the Mother Jones House program is to provide students meaningful contact with people from the neighborhood, university, and surrounding communities. While expanding the capacity of community partner agencies, students both experience the personal side of poverty and critically examine the economic, political and social forces that perpetuate it. The 300 hours of service each House member performs also makes him/her eligible for a $1000 Americorps Education Award grant at the end of the academic year. This grant can be used toward future enrollment or to repay some educational loans.

\textit{The cost to participate in the Mother Jones House for the 2006-2007 academic year is $1600 per semester.} This includes housing and some meals, though most students choose to purchase a commuter meal plan for convenience. The Mother Jones House is considered university housing for the purposes of fulfilling the Wheeling Jesuit scholarship requirement to live on campus.

If you’re interested in learning more about the Mother Jones House, we urge you to contact or visit us. Join us for dinner. Talk with some of the current residents. Susan Haarman, the House mentor, can help arrange this. You can reach her at the House (233-2914), by cell (502-727-2461), or by e-mail (shaarman@wju.edu). You can also read about us in the SSAC newsletter and on the SSAC website. You can also contact me at 234-6243 or at jkriesky@wju.edu.

Each applicant must complete the attached form and return it to the Service for Social Action Center – SSAC (112C Acker Science Center) by 4 p.m. on Friday. Please take time to fill out the application and return it to Erin McDonald in SSAC (ext. 8728) by \textbf{4 p.m. on Friday, February 24\textsuperscript{th}}. Once your application is submitted you will be contacted for a personal interview. You will receive notification of the decision concerning your application by March 14th, 2006.

Wheeling Jesuit University is committee to preparing “men and women for service with and among others.” This is a very special way to immerse in that preparation. We hope you will seriously consider this commitment.
Name: ______________________ ____________ Campus Address: ______________________

Campus Phone: _____________ Cell Phone:________________ Email: _____________

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Anticipated Graduation Date: Fall Spring Year___________

Major (and minor): __________________________

Cumulative GPA: _____________ GPA in Major: ____________

Anticipated course load for Fall 2006: ___________ credits Spring 2007: _______________ credits

Please list current involvement in campus leadership, and/or other campus-based activities. Also provide a history of the community service in which you have participated on and off campus over the last four years.

All Mother Jones House students must commit to residing in the House for the full academic year. Those anticipating clinical, student teaching or internship programs that require residence outside of Wheeling during the 2006-2007 academic schedule are not eligible for house membership. Please list any anticipated academic commitments for the 2006-2007 academic year that could interfere with full participation in House commitments (e.g., Wheeling area student teaching, internships, course overload):
Please list any anticipated co-curricular and/or extra curricular activities for the 2006-2007 academic year (e.g., work, sports, leadership positions, student organizations…):

REFERENCES:
(Please provide three recommendations from these three individuals. Recommendations are attached)

(1) Personal (character, maturity, etc.):

(2) Professional (employer)

(3) Academic (WJU professor, advisor, mentor)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:
Please answer the following questions (no more than 3 page).

What is your motivation for applying to participate in this service commitment? What personal qualities and past experiences have prepared you to participate in a community-based outreach program? What do you think you will contribute to the house community (your fellow students in residence) and the neighborhood community? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

I grant permission for the selection committee to verify my academic record, judicial record and information about my status at university with the Academic Affairs and Student Development offices.

Signature: _________________________________ Date: ___________________

RETURN TO the SERVICE FOR SOCIAL ACTION CENTER,
112C ACKER SCIENCE CENTER
BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006