



## **WOMEN'S HISTORY PROGRAM**

On January 12, 2010, the devastation and destruction in Haiti brought to light the dire conditions of this impoverished country. The overwhelming amount of poverty, the vast number of orphaned children and the lack of development and infrastructure are a few of the issues that plague the first black republic. As we turn our attention, focus and desire to aid those in need to Haiti, we are reminded of the suffering and human rights issues throughout our world.

*"Human rights are 'basic rights and freedoms to which all humans are entitled'. Examples of rights and freedoms which have come to be commonly thought of as human rights include civil and political rights, such as the right to life and liberty, freedom of expression, and equality before the law; and economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to participate in culture, the right to be treated with respect and dignity, the right to food, the right to work, and the right to education"* ([www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)). As an abolitionist, preacher and advocate for equality and justice, Sojourner Truth is a shining example of a human rights activist. She modeled for future generations the importance of compassion, awareness, advocacy, activism and action. Through this year's Women's History program, we will continue in the tradition of Sojourner Truth by:

- Educating participants about global human rights' issues,
- Providing information on ways that participants can stay abreast of issues in their global community, and
- Providing opportunities for participants to give of their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of others.