



# Adler Graduate School

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Dear AGS Alumni and Friends of the Adler Graduate School:

The Adler Graduate School (AGS) needs your assistance as we continue to build upon the foundation you helped to establish. Your participation in our current, “Social Interest in Action” capital campaign will help to take the School to another level of activity as it concerns our contributions to the community – both as an educational institution and a source of human services.

The Adler Graduate School is currently raising funds to purchase the 58,000 square foot building in Richfield where we currently rent space. This building – our building – will be known as the Jim Ramstad Community Service Center (JRCSC). As such, we are proud to introduce the Ramstad Center and the capital campaign supporting its development.

Congressman Jim Ramstad served Minnesotans and citizens of the United States with distinction in the United States House of Representatives for 18 years, before retiring last January. Among his many accomplishments, Congressman Ramstad co-sponsored landmark legislation known as the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Parity Act of 2008. During the next few years, this legislation will help over 113 million more Americans gain access to mental health services and addiction treatment and, in the process, make AGS’ role in the community even more important.

The Jim Ramstad Community Service Center will be home to both the Adler Graduate School’s educational programs and a variety of community service programs operated by the School and other community partners. In establishing the Jim Ramstad Community Service Center, the Adler Graduate School will effectively integrate higher education and civic engagement, as well as honor a long-time champion of mental health and chemical health services.

As the Ramstad Center continues to mature, the Adler Graduate School anticipates significant expansion in its graduate-level programs, as well as the development of a Family Center that will include four related service programs for primarily low-income, uninsured/underinsured persons. The Family Center programs being planned include a Counseling/Coaching Center, a Family Education Center, a School Counselor Training Center and an Art Therapy Studio. Each of the service programs will address a variety of personal and family needs, and also provide superb training opportunities for students.

In addition to the Family Center programs and services already identified, representatives of the Adler Graduate School are also developing relationships with other, prospective community partners. As such, when fully operational, the Jim Ramstad Community Service Center will work with more than 400 students, at any given time, through the Adler Graduate School, and will provide upwards of 100,000 service contacts per year through the Center's mental health and human services programs.

Ultimately, once again, the Adler Graduate School's Ramstad Center will provide a truly unique example of the intersection between higher education and civic engagement; a model that can be replicated in other locations. The Jim Ramstad Community Service Center will constitute a novel model for graduate education and community service; a place where students can receive extraordinary training and where one can serve or be served with dignity. As such, the value of AGS and the Ramstad Center, for both students and low-income metro area residents, will be immeasurable.

The Jim Ramstad Community Service Center will honor the principles of Adlerian Psychology and will constitute Social Interest in Action. Together, the Adler Graduate School and the programs and partners associated with the Ramstad Center will help to make mental health and chemical health services available to all persons who might need them – including those low-income, uninsured/underinsured persons for whom access has been limited.

The Adler Graduate School dearly needs your help. We have benefited from our association with you, and hope you have also benefited. Now, we are asking you to consider a financial contribution; either a one-time gift or a pledge. As we build upon the School's foundation and develop the Jim Ramstad Community Service Center, your financial support will be sincerely appreciated. At this critical juncture in the School's history, we need your help more than ever. In addition, if you are aware of others who may be interested in this opportunity, please let them know too.

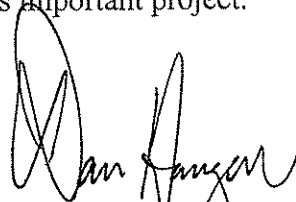
Over time, the School will also benefit from your energy and ideas. Please know that you are always welcome at the Adler Graduate School. We are honored to be in an ongoing relationship with you.

Information describing our capital campaign and how to become involved is available through our capital campaign website – [alfredadlerlegacy.org](http://alfredadlerlegacy.org). Thank you for considering this opportunity to become more deeply involved with the School and, please, don't hesitate in contacting us should you have questions about this important project.

Sincerely,



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