

Imani Life Center

The Imani Life Center is a multi-purpose facility used for a wide array of community outreach programs and activities that support the Eastside community.

- **Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf:** The Fishes and Loaves food shelf was developed five years ago to address the growing needs of the Eastside Community. We currently partner with Second Harvest to meet these nutritional demands and have become one of the largest food distribution sites on the Eastside of St. Paul. In September 2014, for instance, the food shelf signed up thirty-three new clients, gave out 1,824 lbs. of food, and helped 285 families.
- **Community Meal:** The Imani Center hosts a weekly meal for community youth who are participants in the Year of the Child (YOTC) program. Volunteers prepare and distribute nutritionally-balanced meals free of charge.
- **Community Job Fair:** An annual job fair is held to aid unemployed and underemployed individuals. In 2013–14, the job fair helped over thirty individuals get back to work with jobs that pay a living wage. The most recent job fair was held on October 30, 2014.
- **YOTC Tutoring/Computer Lab:** The YOTC Tutoring/Computer Lab is housed in the Imani Center. The lab is staffed by area college students, and tutoring is guided by a philosophy that has proven successful in increasing student achievement. The facility is open to Eastside community youth Monday through Friday, 3:00–5:30 PM.
- **The Progressive Early Childhood Education Center:** Since early intervention is key, Progressive Early Childhood Education Center provides a safe, loving environment that foster in children from 0 to 5 an excitement about learning and a sense of wonder. Curriculum is guided MN K-12 academic standards. Particular emphasis is placed upon phonemic awareness, number sense and basic scientific concepts.



- **The Imani Reception Hall:** The Imani Life Center also features a reception hall that is rented out for community events like weddings, Quinceañeras, and banquets, etc.

