

## Holiday Open House Benefits STEP Consumers

On December 4, 2008, a group of Downriver small business owners hosted a Holiday Open House, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit STEP consumers as they seek employment.

Guests from the area enjoyed browsing and doing some Christmas shopping at the various displays featuring **Bronni Vision Boutique**, based in Brownstown, and local distributors from **Premier Designs Jewelry**, **SendOutCards**, and **Arbonne International**. Delicious refreshments for the event were provided by **Tijuana's Mexican Kitchen** in Lincoln Park, and **The Victorian Tea Room** in Wyandotte.

Donations included 2 gift accounts from Laurie Krawczyk (SendOutCards) for sending professional-looking thank you and follow-up cards to prospective employers; Leanna Bronni pledged a pair of high-fashion prescription eyeglasses; and Sarah Andrews (Premier Designs) will donate pieces of fashion jewelry for job seekers.

Also generously contributed were 4 \$25 gift certificates from Sharrie Root, owner of Wyandotte's **Downriver Clearance**, to be used toward interview clothing or medical scrubs.

The women are all members of the Downriver and Detroit Business Association, (**DADBA**), a group of business professionals dedicated to promoting local businesses and communities. The event was held in the association's headquarters at the renovated former firehouse in Wyandotte, 2011 Oak Street. For more information, please visit [www.dadba.org](http://www.dadba.org).



Left to right: Laurie Krawczyk, Karen Steele (Arbonne), Laura Wyatt (DADBA), Terey DeLisle (STEP), Sarah Andrews, Tina Kumiega (Victorian Tea Room), Marisa Garcia (Tijuana's), Leanna Bronni.