

Give So Their Christmas Hopes Will Be Fulfilled



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Mr. and Mrs. M. live three houses from the Chemung River. The flood put water up to three inches on their second floor. Both people are over 70 and this is their second flood. Their emotional state is low and their losses are great.

Mrs. W. is a widow living alone in her small, neat apartment. She suffers from palsy and needs help in shopping and a friendly ear.

Thomas, age 11, was placed in a foster home after the tragic death of his father. His mother died from chronic heart trouble two years before. Thomas is enjoying his new foster parents but as the Christmas season comes around the loss of his father is very painful. Thomas uses very well his relationship with the caseworker who has helped him over the rough spots. Thomas is joining a neighborhood Boy Scout Group and is looking forward to learning new skills.

Mrs. W. and her 10-year-old son are an energetic, hardworking family. The mother recently lost her job but is searching diligently for another one. Christmas will be dreary unless a Christmas dinner can be provided for the family.

Mrs. G. was recently deserted by her

husband. She has four children and a new baby. Money is needed for Christmas dinner and toys for the little ones.

Mr. D. died in a tragic accident two years ago. Mrs. D. vowed never to be separated from her eight children, age 2 to 14. Mrs. D. was also injured in the same accident and depends on welfare to maintain herself. At times life seems grim to Mrs. D., extra clothing, toys and food are needed.

Mr. E. is raising three children by himself. His home was severely damaged by Agnes and his means of restoring the home are limited. He needs encouragement, even though he has been a source of strength to many people.

Mr. R. is a single man, age 62. He has no family and few friends. Mr. R. suffers from arthritis and has been unable to leave his apartment for the past four months. Mr. R. was a migrant for 59 years and is ineligible for Social Security. He receives \$60 per month from welfare for rent and heat and an expense allotment of \$2.80 per day. His Christmas could be a joy through your assistance.

The H. family got burned out last week. Everything was destroyed, they had no insurance. Through Red Cross and Cath-

olic Family Center some clothing and furniture has been replaced. However, most household items have not been replaced yet nor will they be by Christmas without your help.

The A. family cannot be too happy about Christmas yet. Mr. A.'s factory closed and he has been unemployed for 5½ months. Mrs. A. has had major surgery twice since she gave birth to their sixth child, a mongoloid baby. Mr. A. is very depressed regarding his outlook toward Christmas.

Mr. R. was an alcoholic. During the past three years he has gone through extensive training and rehabilitation and recently secured adequate employment in a factory. During his first week Mr. R. was hit by a car and had his hip broken in three places. He will be coming home before Christmas and could use some "real" Christmas cheer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. live in a home near the Chemung River. Mrs. C. suffers from multiple sclerosis and is totally paralyzed. There was extensive damage done to the home due to the June flood. Their needs are great in restoring their home.

Mrs. C. was beaten and robbed after hav-