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Mrs. J. is a mother who cares for her seven children all alone, boys ages 13, 12, 6 and 2; girls ages 13, 9, and 8. She would like to make Christmas the happy event it is in other families.

Mrs. N. is a shut-in due to illness. She will have to spend her Christmas alone. Perhaps a dress (size 16) or some other gift would give her a Christmas to remember all year long.

Mr. P. is a hard working father who has limited income and will have a hard time providing Christmas presents for his wife and seven children this year. Won't you lighten his burden with a few gifts for his children, such as toys or mittens, or warm hats. Their ages are: boys 14, 13, 11, 9, 5 and girls 8 and 7.

Mrs. R. is a mother in her 60s. She and her son (in his 20s) are both shut-ins due to illness. They will be alone this year for Christmas.

Mr. S. and his wife have six children ranging from 21 years to 11. There has been a great deal of sickness in their family this year which has drained their already limited funds. Christmas will be quite meager this year unless someone can help.

Mrs. W. is a woman who is shut-in due to illness. She won't be able to enjoy the Christmas decorations or Christmas shopping. Her only link to the outside world is her television set and that is broken. In addition, two closets in her apartment need to be repaired as they leak when it rains. Her apartment is her world.

Mr. G. is 75 and lives in the flood area. His house will be taken by Urban Renewal. He's on a pension and has few friends or family to help. He doesn't speak English well and is often lonely.

Mrs. M. has a 17-year-old daughter who is epileptic. She is a widow of two years and is often upset by the immense problems she must face day after day.



Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

Mr. G. has a terminal illness. Small savings must be used for astronomical nursing expenses before welfare can help. Mrs. G. faces a bleak holiday explaining to their small children why they can't expect their Christmas wishes to come true.

Mrs. J. is confined with crippling arthritis. She needs a wheel chair but cannot buy it out of meager Social Security benefits. Her husband also is ill with severe diabetes and is unable to work. They will have very little this Christmas for their handicapped son who lives with them.

Annamaria is 13, she is very ill and will get no better. Her bright mind and smile hide her sorrow as she sits daily in her wheelchair. Her mother wishes she could do more; there are so many other little ones at home to care for. The family is on welfare and hardly get by. They will go to Church Christmas but want to have presents to open.

Mr. R. is proud of his family of ten. He works hard to bring a pay check home weekly when he is able. They got behind when he was ill recently. Who can help this family have a bright Christmas, or else buy shoes for younger children?

Mr. and Mrs. C. are retired, ill and depressed. They are waiting to be admitted to a nursing home together. They will need to get a very few clothing items cared for before they go, but they cannot do so on just Social Security funds. It would also be a nice thought if they had a special food basket for special diet needs, for Christmas.

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