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hold together this family which includes a mentally retarded daughter and mentally ill mother.

89. Mrs. K. has not been able to care for her own children for the past two years. They are in foster care and she would like to give them something for Christmas from their mother.

90. Pat, a 17-year-old, has been struggling to bring up her daughter, almost a year old. She's worried about how Santa will be able to give her any presents.

91. Mr. and Mrs. M. are desperate. Their nine children will have a bleak Christmas. A carpenter, he has no work and is too proud to consider welfare. He needs a job and some means to keep the family through the winter.

92. Needed — big brothers to five boys ages 15 to 7 in a hard pressed family. Father recently lost his job due to health problems. Welfare will help, but will take sometime to get it going. They have nothing for Christmas.

93. Miss A. sits in her wheelchair with a radiant smile. She knows she is going to get worse. She would love to be active with other teenagers, but even being at home with her little brothers and sisters makes her days bearable. They are all poor, but welfare gives them a life together.

94. Miss B. is 78. She lives in the inner city. In her apartment there are pails standing here and there to catch water leaking in. The ceiling is falling down. Social Security check was stolen from her mail-box. She reported the theft to police and to the Treasury Department. Six months later she still had not received a replacement for this check. Besides this, she was attempting to care for sister, home from the hospital. Visiting Nurses helped her and returned her sister to a nursing home. But Miss B. has no way of going to the nursing home to see her sister. People are

reluctant to commit themselves to taking her there weekly. Poverty has reduced this gracious lady to terrible living conditions and deprived her of the ability to visit her only living relative.

95. Mr. and Mrs. R. have four children. They are very poor and live in a small, shabby apartment. They both have severe problems — physically and emotionally. Mr. R. tries to work but due to physical problems, misses a great deal of work. He soon has to have extensive surgery. Children are ages 8, 7, 5, 4.

96. Mr. and Mrs. D. have four children, 14, 12, 6, and 3. The six-year-old has serious kidney problems. The 12-year-old is under treatment for severe emotional problems. Mr. D. is disabled and unable to work. Mrs. D. does her best to cope with all the family problems.

97. Mrs. F. has a daughter who lives away from home. Neither she nor her husband is well. She is a very lonely person. It would mean so much to her if she had a special, if small, Christmas dinner.

98. Mrs. K. has five children who will be home for Christmas. She has little money and is not able to work.

99. The B. family is trying to furnish and set up a new apartment. The mother is 36. Her children are 16, 14, 11, and 9. They need something to make Christmas a holiday.

100. Mrs. L. has a new baby. The father has left and Mrs. L. must care for the newcomer plus three older children. She needs assistance at Christmas not only for its own use but also as a sign that the family is not alone.