

Those Most in Need

61 Mrs. T is a Puerto Rican woman who recently came from the island with her five children and their adaptation to US culture, legal and economic systems has been difficult and traumatic. They are on welfare and lack clothing and basic furniture. Mrs. T's oldest daughter, 14, is now pregnant, and her oldest son, 15, has been causing problems.

62 Ms. H is a woman in her early 30s who has been through a traumatic divorce recently. She now has custody of two of her children; one is in foster care. After the divorce, she lost the house, furniture and commodities she had while married. Her apartment now looks quite clean, but lacks furniture, a radio or television. She had never worked nor did she have any marketable skills and is now a public assistance recipient.

63 Ms. R is a woman in her late 30s who will be having her three young boys return from foster care. She is now in the process of looking for an apartment — so she can provide her children with a decent place to live. She is a public assistance recipient.

64 Ms. C is an 18-year-old mother of two children who lived with an alcoholic man who abused her and the children; he is now gone. Ms. C is feeling lonely in Rochester and wants badly to go back and live with her mother in New Jersey, but does not have the money for the trip or to move her furniture. She is on public assistance and there are no funds for moving expenses to another state. Catholic Family Center would be the only agency in the city that could help her rejoin her mother.

65 F is 74, presently living in a nursing home as she had been in a state of mental depression for years until a neighbor

referred her to Catholic Family Center. We were able to assist her to obtain medical care and a placement where her physical and emotional problems could be healed. Her sister, who also is elderly, visits whenever she can. Remembrances and cheer at Christmas time will lift her spirits.

66 M is 73, and lives with her ailing husband who is 86. Both of them recently moved from an undesirable two-story house into a subsidized basement complex. They are delighted with their cheerful, clean house but are in need of many items to make it a home.

67 S is 75, lives alone in an apartment building, has many medical problems and is a lonely person. She doesn't take quickly to strangers, and will accept only those people who take a special, honest interest in her. Donations to supply a Christmas dinner and small gifts will help her feel there are people who care.

68 H, age 76, had no heat in his old apartment. Catholic Family Center assisted him in finding a desirable apartment and he recently moved in. He is beginning to become happy there and has made some new acquaintances. Since he is shy, it will take more time before he will consider them friends. A remembrance at Christmas and a Christmas dinner will make his holiday complete.

69 Eighty-year-old Mrs. G's husband recently passed away and she can no longer afford their large apartment. Moving expenses and a security deposit plus a month's rent are just too much for her Social Security check to cover.

70 Mrs. L, age 75, had her purse stolen on the street. Now she has no money to pay her rent and

buy food for the rest of the month.

71 Mr. J, age 78, has a chance to move from a single, furnished room in a run-down house to a senior citizen building where he'll be more secure and be able to make friends with people his own age. He is trying to save money to buy furniture but his Social Security check doesn't go very far.

72 Mr. and Mrs. K, both in their late 70s, are trying desperately to stay in their own home. Taxes and fuel bills, along with rising food prices, are making it almost impossible for them to survive.

73 Mrs. B is the mother of four children and also has care of two grandchildren. Mrs. B's only income is from public assistance and she has been finding it difficult to provide the needed clothing and baby items on her limited income.

73 Mr. and Mrs. G are the parents of four children, three of whom are mildly retarded. They have tried to provide pleasant surroundings and stimulating play items for the children. This family could use new furniture, draperies and educational toys and books.

75 Mr. and Mrs. T are the parents of four children, the youngest born during the summer. All the children are under age five. Mr. T is employed and their income is supplemented by partial public assistance. In an effort to keep expenses down, Mrs. T does the laundry in the kitchen sink, since the family does not own a washer or dryer.

76 Mrs. P is a mother with three young children, and receives public assistance. Mrs. P finds it difficult to provide appropriate clothing, as well as nutritious meals for the family on her limited

income. The clothes for the children often do not fit properly, or have been mended many times. Whenever Mrs. P does purchase clothing for the children, there is little money left to buy groceries.

77 Miss J is a young woman who has recently taken on the responsibility of raising her three younger sisters. The family lives in a run-down apartment with broken windows covered with plywood, peeling paint, inadequate plumbing and heating. Miss J receives public assistance and is unable to meet the expenses necessary for obtaining, and moving, to a better apartment.

78 Mr. and Mrs. W, a middle-aged couple, have five children, the youngest born in October. Mr. W has lost a great deal of work time since August in his job as a maintenance worker due to a back injury. He has had many doctors visits and physical therapy treatments, most of which are not covered by health insurance. With greatly decreased earnings, and a new child in the family, Mr. and Mrs. W are unable to provide adequately for their family.

79 Mr. J is a 28-year-old black male who also has been a paraplegic since age 16. He receives Social Security Disability, still hopeful of someday finding suitable employment. Mr. J, in the meantime, does some volunteer work, and lives by himself.

80 E is raising her four children alone. One of the youngsters is mentally retarded. E, who was not able to finish high school, works part time as a cleaning woman. She also is receiving public assistance to supplement her earnings. She is in need of many items for her family.

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Mrs. Meir is regarded as the "mother" of her country in its initial 27 years. She was the only woman to serve as prime minister (she resigned in 1974), the only woman to sign the Proclamation of Independence and the sole female presence in the inner circle of pioneers responsible for the birth of the Jewish state.

Born in Kieve, in the Ukraine, she was taken by her family to the United States when she was eight years old, and she grew up in Milwaukee. From the age of 21 she was involved in the making of Israel.

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