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51 Mr. C., age 62, will have surgery on his leg soon, so he had to leave his thirdfloor furnished room for more suitable housing. Catholic Family Center relocated him to a one-bedroom apartment with no stairs, which will be easier for him and will accommodate the aides who will care for him after his surgery. But Mr. C. has no furniture. His \$405 check adequately covers his shelter and food expenses, but leaves little for extras. Donations of good used furniture would be appreciated.

52 Mrs. T., age 65, has a severe heart condition. She needed desperately to move from her rundown third-floor walk-up apartment. Finding another place was especially difficult because her income is only \$427 and she didn't want to give up her two cats, which are her sole companions. Finally, a very nice first-floor place was found that would take the cats. Unfortunately, the rent will be higher there, until she can get the rent subsidy that will lower her rent to 30% of her income. In the meantime, buying her special diet food is very hard. Contributions of money or low-fat/low-salt canned goods would be of great help to Mrs. T.

53 After 15 years of marriage, Mr. T. recently abandoned his family, leaving a wife and four children ranging in age from three to 12 years old. Mrs. T. is currently working as Christmas help in a local store, but the financial situation is going to be very tight for the holidays this year. The family is working hard to keep going and keep their spirits up, but could use a helping hand, especially for the holidays.

54 Mrs. G. is a young woman who recently arrived here after fleeing from her native Cuba. Her husband was unable to come with her, but she hopes he will join her soon. She is expecting their first child in



January and, through the Refugee Assistance Program at Catholic Family Center, is receiving emotional support and guidance. Her material needs will increase with the birth of her child, and Catholic Family Center can use help to meet those needs.

55 Mr. A., an elderly Haitian refugee, tries valiantly to support himself. He is a proud man and is thankful for the opportunity to live and work in a free country. However, because of his age, occasional physical problems and limited English, he depends on the services of Catholic Family Center's Refugee program for guidance and support.

56 Mr. and Mrs. K. escaped from Ethiopia three years ago to avoid possible imprisonment because of their anticommunist beliefs. After spending two years in a refugee camp in Sudan, they were accepted for resettlement in the United States. Through the help of Catholic Family Center's Refugee Assistance Program, Mr. K., in spite of his limited English, has found employment. His wife has been unable to work because of serious physical problems, and their medical bills have been mounting.

57 A single-parent Cambodian refugee family has three sons, one of whom has a history of mental problems. The mother has had to seek help for her family, but has very little knowledge of the English language and community resources. She and her family have had to go through very hard times because of this. The family is doing much better at this time, but any assistance in brightening their Christmas would be of great help.

58 Mrs. B. had to leave work for health reasons. Now, the rent for her apartment exceeds her income. Finding less expensive housing for her is difficult because her

credit rating was damaged when a friend who used Mrs. B's car gathered a number of parking tickets, still unpaid. Mrs. B. is several hundred dollars in arrears to her landlord and is in danger of being evicted. A monetary donation would be very helpful to her at this time.

59 Mrs. H., age 70, has had mental health problems for more than 40 years. She lives in one room and receives S.S.I. She denies that she even has a family. Her children do care and try to communicate with her, but she will not even acknowledge their existence. She appreciates thoughtful small gifts such as candy and fruit.

60 Mrs. L. age 71, has lived alone since her husband died two years ago. She now has cancer, and the prognosis is not good. She is unable to get out often and is lonely and depressed, especially around the holidays. She loves having visitors. She has a very limited income, so any Christmas gift would be greatly appreciated.

61 A divorced mother is confronted by the prolonged and grave illness of one of her two children. They receive insurance benefits and support from their father, but in spite of this, medical bills and related expenses have eaten up the family's savings and pose the possibility of extended indebtedness.

62 A divorced rather of time country and has been unable to secure more than a year and has been unable to secure more than temporary jobs since his position was eliminated by one of the area's major employers. One of his sons is disabled and has a number of special needs. The father would like to provide special Christmas experiences for his three children as he has in the past, though times have been tough.

63 A family of seven struggles to survive on one low-paying, full-time factory job and a part-time job at a local day-care center. While the family is normally able to meet its day-to-day needs, there is little left over for the special celebrations of the holiday season. Often, meeting the demand for clothing becomes a monumental task.

64 A 23-year-old single woman with little family support and few friends has a three-year-old daughter and newborn twins. She lives with these children in a small, sparsely furnished, second-floor apartment. Before the twins were born, the mother barely got by on her public assistance money. With the twins, the budget is stretched to the limit. **65** A 38-year-old mother of a 17-year-old mother is disabled and unemployed. The only way the older woman can remain active is by using her car, but because she is unemployed and supporting her daughter and granddaughter, she is unable to afford car insurance. If she loses the car because it isn't insured, she will lose all hope of employment and become homebound.

66 Mr. and Mrs. U. moved to a rural area in search of a better life for their six children. Though Mr. U. had a fairly good job, he was not prepared for the high heating bills for their large, poorly insulated house.

67 A young divorced mother, Mrs. S, has learned that her young daughter has diabetes. Daily long-distance phone salls to the city hospital to discuss regulating the daughter's medication has strained Mrs. S's fixed income beyond the breaking point.

68 Mr. and Mrs. N. and their small baby moved to rural New York from C difornia. Mr. N. was unable to find work, and although he applied for public assistance, he had serious difficulty providing for his family until his application was approved.

69 Mrs. M. has three small child: in to provide for, as well as a husband who is too ill to work. Her job as a waitres does not provide consistent hours and carries with it no medical benefits.

70 Mr. and Mrs. M. are an older couple living on Social Security. They were burned out of their apartment and the only place they were able to find within their budget was a second-floor walk-up. Mrs. M. 18 disabled and has great difficulty making the stairs.

71 Mr. C. is at present in a nearby hospital recovering from second- and thirddegree burns over 33 percent of his body. He sustained these injuries while rescuing two of his five children from a burning van. Mr. C. is 23 years old. Mrs. C. is 26. The children range in age from two to six years. The family has nothing in the way of material goods. They live in a ramshackle trailer, and before the fire Mr. C. earned some money by Continued on Paper 18

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