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time in their lives, they have had to ask for help.

79 M. and her children had to move quickly from their home, because her husband was abusing the children. The move was costly, since M. had to come up with a month's rent and an equal amount for a security deposit. M. does work, but her limited income can't cover unexpected expenses. She is trying to establish a stable home for her teenaged children.

80 After 12 years of struggle, life had taken a turn for the better for L., her husband and their five children. His job had become steadier, and they were able to make it without help from Social Services. L. was planning to begin college in January. During the past month, L.'s husband lost his job and left the family. She is again dependent on welfare and may lose her apartment. Her dream of college is out of reach, and she must start over again.

81 Mr. C. is a middle-aged gentleman who recently got custody of his two young children. His only income is from SSI. It is a struggle for him to keep them nicely dressed for school. When the children moved in with him, he had to get extra bedding and linens for them, and as a result, there is not much money left for food. It will be awhile until circumstances improve. Right now the family's greatest need is for food and some winter clothing for the children.

82 Mr. and Mrs. G., who live in a rural community, have five children. Mr. G. is working at a low-paying job and is not eligible for public assistance. Because of illness in the family, a lot of money is being spent on medication. With winter coming, the family could use food, winter coats, jackets and boots.

83 Mr. and Mrs. W. are in desperate need of winter clothing. They receive public assistance but do not have enough left over for warm garments to replace their worn and threadbare clothing, which certainly will not suffice when the cold weather sets in.

84 Mrs. S. is an alcoholic who is separated from her husband. She has been awarded custody of her three teenaged children, since she has stopped drinking and has begun attending AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meetings. Because of perseverance, she has been able to make a good home for the children. Her greatest need is for clothing for the children, who have a difficult time in school when they don't have decent clothing.

85 Mrs. F. is a divorced mother of four. The family is receiving public assistance while the mother tries to find any type of work that will help her to become self-sufficient. There never seems to be enough money for bills, food and clothing. The family's greatest need right now is for food. Food stamps are not enough to carry them through the month, and during the last week, their meals are pretty skimpy.

86 Mr. X., the father of five children, has been laid off from his factory job, and his wife is chronically ill. In addition to the expense of raising a large, young family, Mr. and Mrs. X. are faced with the necessity of replacing the hot water heater in their home. The aid they are receiving from unemployment and Social Services does not begin to cover the family's basic needs.

87 M., aged 22, has difficulty supporting her two children, a three-year-old girl and a six-month-old boy. The three-year-old is physically handicapped and unable to walk. M. needs a playpen, stroller, dishes, linens, and other household items, as well as

clothing for herself and the children.

88 Mrs. R. is a 78-year-old woman who lives on a small Social Security pension. After she pays her rent and utility bills, she is left with only \$58 a month to live on. She cannot afford to cover any unexpected expenses. Recently, her glasses broke. The repair bill was \$117, an expense her insurance did not cover.

89 Mrs. Q., who is currently attending school, uses county funds to pay for her education. Her goal is to obtain a good job and bring up her two children in a way she feels is fair and just. Because of a computer error made by the county, a good portion of that funding has been cut off, and she now faces a \$2,000 lawsuit she was never made aware of. She now finds it difficult to find money to feed herself and her family.

90 Mrs. V. is a divorced mother of three children, the youngest of whom is not yet enrolled in school. Mrs. V.'s ex-husband has been seriously delinquent in his child support payments, and money for essentials is usually in short supply by the end of the month. December is no exception, and Mrs. V. finds it very depressing not being able to make Christmas a special time for the children. Your support will enable her to feel that she is not alone and that she is able to provide for the children she is struggling to raise.

91 Mrs. B. and her five children were victims of a fire and lost their home, as well as what few possessions they had. When they finally found an apartment, they discovered they needed help with a security deposit. The family went without food and slept on the floor until their parish was able to help them. Although Social Services now provides essentials, the family would appreciate any assistance that would alleviate an otherwise bleak Christmas.

92 Mr. and Mrs. H. have six school-aged children. Mr. H. recently lost his job and, although he was able to find another, had to take a job that pays \$100 less a week. The family could use warm clothing and food.

93 Mrs. F. is a newly divorced woman with one child. She needs to move into a new apartment, but the rent will seriously deplete her finances, since the child's father provides no support. Mrs. F. and her child are

not eating properly, and need furniture, food and Christmas gifts.

94 Mrs. H., a 74-year-old handicapped woman, cares for her three orphaned grandnephews, ages 4, 5 and 9. The nine-year-old is in a new parish school, and the five-year-old is a spina bifida child. There are no other adults in the household.

95 J.B., married with two children, is the only responsible adult in her household and basically supports the family on her own. Her husband uses drugs and virtually throws money away. Just a little help at holiday time would lighten J.B.'s burden tremendously.

96 A widow with three children is living on public assistance. The family needs money for food, medicine and transportation. Any extra help at Christmastime would be greatly appreciated.

97 Mrs. R., an elderly woman, needs clothing and wholesome food to preserve her health. She also could use money for medicine, but has difficulty asking for help, since her dignity and natural reserve often prevent her from indicating her needs even when she is in crisis.

98 R. and T. are heads of households that didn't apply for Salvation Army and Catholic Family Center assistance until after these organizations had stopped accepting applications in early December. The SWEM Food Cupboard is still able to take care of such desperate families, as long as many generous people contribute to the SWEM fund.

99 Al had a severe stroke several years ago. Ann has high blood pressure and needs medication to control it. Both are in their seventies and live on a modest, fixed income. Their furnace, refrigerator and stove all broke down within a two-month period. Any savings they had were wiped out, and for the first time in their lives, they feel desperate. Al needs a ramp on the porch so that he can continue to live at home.

100 Mr. and Mrs. C. have 10 children and four grandchildren, all of whom live with them. Mr. and Mrs. C. work hard to set good guidelines for community living and to budget their minimal resources. This family would benefit from whatever you can give them at Christmastime.

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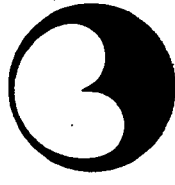
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