

Neediest cases

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when she was diagnosed with cancer. She has two boys, ages 3 and 8. Linda has been very ill, and can only manage to work part time. She has no medical insurance and large medical bills.

Linda loves her children and wants to provide the best for them, but is having a difficult time because of her illness.

8 Miss D., age 31 and the mother of two young boys, has learned that she is dying of cancer. Doctors are unable to remove all of the cancer, and she is being treated with chemotherapy. She is physically exhausted and depressed much of the time. She thinks about the coming Christmas, and how this might be the last one she can spend with the children.

Miss D. supports herself and the children with a grant from public assistance, and there is no extra money to go around. She really would like to have a special Christmas this year, with a traditional home-cooked meal and presents under the tree. She would appreciate any extra help this Christmas.

9 Ms. R. is the single mother of two boys, ages 4 and 5. She is asking for help parenting and providing for her sons, as she is unable to work at this time. The family has few supportive friends and relatives and would appreciate some special help this Christmas.

10 Helen has four children. She has made great strides in becoming independent of the state Department of Social Services. Recently, however, she was hospitalized with extremely high

blood pressure. The medication doctors prescribed is not controlling her pressure, and she has had to give up school and put her dreams of self-sufficiency on hold.

11 Miss C., age 34, has two children — a son, 3, and daughter, 1, — and is eight months pregnant with her third child. She recently separated from her second husband due to abuse. She lost her eldest son when he was 15 years old.

Since Miss C. made the courageous move of leaving her husband, her financial status has deteriorated, and may deprive her children of the joy of Christmas.

12 Miss M. is a 29-year-old single parent who recently moved to Rochester with her two sons, ages 8 and 11, and her daughter, age 10. Miss M. lived in an emergency shelter for one month until she was able to find and furnish her own apartment.

After visiting her sick mother out of state, Miss M. returned to her apartment to find that all of her furniture and belongings had been taken. Miss M. is now trying to refurbish her home and has no money to buy her children the clothing they need, let alone the toys they want for Christmas.

13 Mr. and Mrs. K. are in their early 30s and have moved to Rochester following a fire that destroyed their home and all of their belongings.

Mr. and Mrs. K. are both disabled. Mr. K. is blind. Mrs. K. is recovering from a stroke that left her with partial memory loss and brain seizures. Nevertheless, the couple continues to give to the community through volunteer efforts for disabled people in need. Their 13-year-old daughter has become very withdrawn due to the trauma of the fire. The K. family could use

some special help this Christmas season.

14 Georgia is a young mother of two infant daughters. She suffers from diabetes, and complications forced her to quit her job as a nurse's aid during her last pregnancy. The children's father also abandoned the family during this time.

Georgia works hard to provide for her family's needs on her own, but her money doesn't stretch far enough to cover any of the extras that make Christmas a special time of year for children.

15 Mrs. D. had to flee from her home and marriage of nine years due to spousal abuse. Mrs. D. took her three children — ages 10, 2 and 3 months — to an emergency shelter. Mrs. D. is starting a new life, and making her own and her children's safety her first priority.

Mrs. D. is very humble and never asks for help, but this Christmas will be very difficult for the family without a special Christmas miracle.

16 The P. family lost their home about a year ago when the father was laid off by his employer during company cutbacks. Jim and Susan have seven children — daughters aged 15 and 7, and sons aged 13, 11, 5, 3 and 1. The entire family has been sharing a two-bedroom home with Jim's grandmother while they struggle to get back on their feet. They could use assistance in providing a happy Christmas for their children.

17 In 1988, Tracy lost her 3-year-old daughter, Lisa, to congenital heart failure. Lisa's last six months of life were made possible by Tracy's incredible courage. Toward the end, Tracy administered cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to revive Lisa on a weekly basis.

Lisa's death sent Tracy into deep depression. She has three other children. Christmas time will be especially difficult for this mother.

18 Susan, who suffers from mental illness, is a loving young mother, but has been unable to care for her child full time because of numerous relapses.

During the past year, Susan has steadily worked on building a strong relationship with her child and on making their limited time together meaningful by learning about child development and ways of interacting with her very active child. Susan has made great strides this year in living independently, increasing her visits to her child, and addressing the special needs of her illness.

19 Mrs. B., a divorced mother of three young children, is struggling to support her family on limited alimony and child-support payments. Because she was a housewife throughout her marriage, she had no employable skills when her marriage ended. Now, she is working hard to gain the needed skills by attending a job-training program. Her family needs some special help this Christmas.

20 Since separating from an abusive spouse, Susan has devoted her time and energy to creating a safe, secure and loving home for her four young children and herself.

A bright, attractive and energetic young woman, Susan plans to return to school to become a nurse. She knows she can achieve her goal — just as she achieved the difficult goal of independent living — but it will not be easy.

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