

# Catholic Courier • Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

## Urban residents find help

### What is the Christmas Appeal?

It is a cooperative effort of the Catholic Courier and diocesan Catholic Charities to raise funds that will help people in desperate financial crises.

For 27 years, the appeal has enabled the Catholic community to help thousands of people in 12 counties to help meet life's basic needs. Christmas Appeal funds have been there when no other sources of aid were available.

### Who Benefits from it?

Funding of the Christmas Appeal helps individuals and families in short term financial crises. These are people who have no financial resources and are either awaiting or are ineligible for assistance through other sources.

### How Does it Work?

The appeal consists of a series of articles in the Catholic Courier and a direct-mail solicitation of prior donors.

Appeal proceeds are allocated to the emergency funds of the following diocesan agencies: Catholic Family Center, Finger Lakes Social Ministry, Catholic Charities of the Southern Tier, Catholic Charities of Livingston County, Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, and diocesan Urban Services.

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furniture to recently who I know have needs, or people in the neighborhood who I know are having a rough time this year," Sister Dismas explained.

"I especially need money at Christmas time."

Urban Services, a department of diocesan Parish Support Ministries, is allotted a portion of the money raised through the annual Christmas Appeal, which has generated more than \$1 million in donations since its establishment in 1969. Last year, Urban Services received a little more than \$6,000 to distribute to parishes like Mount Carmel and Annunciation.

Those funds are used to help people who experience such sudden emergencies as house fires, evictions or the loss of jobs. Very often, these people would have to wait days, even weeks, before other sources of help could reach them. In other cases, the outside help they receive is insufficient to meet all their needs, or they do not qualify for help from other sources.

Sister Campion Bush, SSJ, director of evangelization and outreach at the Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward, recently used Christmas Appeal money to help a family of resident aliens buy mattresses.

"There's really no agency that helps people in that status," Sister Bush explained.

"The people there are truly in need and are not able to get help elsewhere," ob-

served Jacquelyn Dobson, director of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries and coordinator of Christmas Appeal fund distribution for Urban Services.

"We try to fund everyone that comes in with a request," Dobson said.

Requests are evaluated by a committee, and the amount of an award is based on the purpose for which it is intended — and how much money is available for distribution.

Decreasing donations to the Christmas Appeal have hurt in recent years, Dobson acknowledged. Last year, she said, Urban Services' portion of the the appeal monies

decreased by nearly \$2,000 from the previous year. That reduction came as overall donations to the appeal dropped from approximately \$55,000 in 1994 to just over \$45,000 in 1995.

Dobson said that by combining Christmas Appeal monies and funds from Operation Rice Bowl, Urban Services was able to provide at least 88 percent of the requested amount in most cases — and as much as 100 percent in other cases — last year.

"We'd certainly feel much better if we could give each parish 100 percent of what they are asking," Dobson said. "It certainly does hurt that requests go up, but the funding does not go up with the requests."

Still, Dunn is happy for what is available. "We're grateful for what we get," Dunn declared.



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### Neediest Cases

Monies collected during the Catholic Courier/Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal aid people throughout the year, but especially during the Christmas season. The following are some of the individuals and families who have been helped with Christmas Appeal funds distributed through various diocesan agencies. Their situations are typical of those of people who will benefit from this year's appeal.

★ A patient living on Social Security funds and who is undergoing kidney dialysis received \$75 to purchase a gas stove for his apartment.

★ A single father with several children ages 13 and under received \$55.65 to buy medicine to treat head lice on the children after discovering that the medicine would not be covered by Medicaid.

★ An unemployed young man who was battling drug and alcohol dependency received \$9.50 to pay for a bus ticket to an out-of-town treatment facility.

★ A mother with several children found that public assistance was just enough to meet basic needs. She received a turkey and a food voucher last year for the family's Christmas dinner.

★ An elderly woman forced to move to a new apartment that did not have appliances was given \$45 to buy a good used refrigerator.

★ A couple with five children were struggling to keep up with their utility bill because rent took most of the husband's earnings. They received a voucher to help pay the utility bill.

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