

# Christmas Appeal

## Prior recipients

Caseworkers from Catholic Charities agencies submitted examples, including the following, of how Christmas Appeal funds are used year-round:

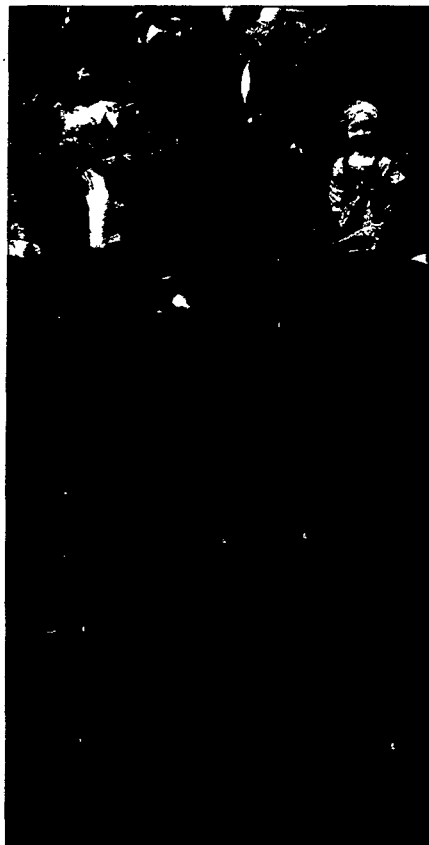
★ A single mother received \$50 to purchase dishes after a house fire.

★ A battered woman and her infant received \$67 to relocate to another city in order to flee the abuser.

★ A father who lost his job in a company downsizing received \$50 to purchase food for his family of three.

★ A young man who was assaulted and robbed on his way to work received \$30 to replace his eyeglasses.

★ A single mother recently diagnosed with a life-threatening lung disease had no health insurance and was waiting for Medicaid to go through. She received \$72.60 to pay



for a prescription.

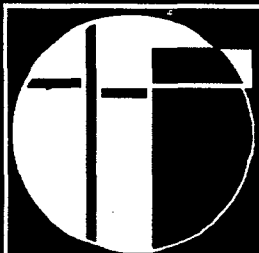
★ A single mother with three children had her gas and electric service terminated because she could not pay the final portion of her \$264.20 bill. She received \$54.20 to pay the remainder of the bill and have her service restored.

★ A single mother with three children was in jeopardy of having her phone turned off. She needed to have phone service because her husband had become abusive and she had a restraining order against him. She received \$100 to help pay the bill.

★ A single mother with a teenage daughter took in her sister who was recuperating from an accident. In order to pay for the added expense of food and gas to get to her sister's medical appointments, she used money she had saved to pay for one month of her car insurance. She received \$50 to pay the insurance.

★ A 20-year-old woman who earns minimum wage took in her 18-year-old sister. While waiting to receive support for her sister, the water had been shut off due to non-payment. The two had been taking showers at a neighbor's and carrying containers of water from another apartment in order to flush toilets. The woman was able to pay half of the bill and received \$61 to pay the other half.

★ A woman with six children recently lost her husband to cancer and has been having a hard time making ends meet. She received \$125 in clothing, toys and food.



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