Mrs. Santa Prints Her First Letters From Needy

How AFRO readers can help these deserving families

It is that time of the year again... time to think about others less fortunate ... time to plan how you can do something meaningful to help make Christmas merry for others.

As she has done for the past ten years, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa is printing some of the pleas for help. She has received.

AFRO readers are encouraged to adopt one of the families for Christmas. Families are listed by number.

If YOU want to adopt a family, call the AFRO's Mrs. Santa on her special 'hotline', 383-1400, and she will supply the name and address. It will then be up to YOU to make sure the family has a happy Christmas.

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CAUTION: Please do NOT call for the name of a family unless you plan to follow through.

Once a case number is pulled from Mrs. Santa's master file, it will not go in again.

If you fail to adopt the family as promised, someone will have a most unhappy Yuletide.

If you do NOT have time to play Santa to a deserving family, you can help by sending a contribution to Mrs. Santa, care of AFRO Charities Inc., — nos-profit organization.

All contributions are tax deductible.

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Address checks or money order to:

Mrs. Santa
AFRO Charities Inc.
P. O. Box 1857
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Here is the first series of letters from deserving families.

Case No. 1: I am a mother who is trying to raise 5 children. I suffer with chronic asthma, heart trouble and a nervous condition. Of course, I am under treatment by a doctor. My son was jumped recently by a group of thugs who ended up breaking several of his ribs. All I ask of you, Mrs. Santa, is a decent Christmas dinner. Will you please help us by seeing that we eat on that day.

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Case No. 2: I have four girls, ages 11, 5, 3 and 2. They are in need of clothes, food and toys. Will you try to help us this year? You are the only one we have to turn to. God will bless you, Mrs. Santa.

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Case No. 3: I know of a nice young couple who recently had their first child in September. At that time, the husband was laid-off and has been unable to find a job. The baby was critically ill when it was born and is still considered sickly. They are in need of food and baby clothes.

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Case No. 4: Thanks to you, Mrs. Santa, last year we had a nice Christmas. My two children, ages 13 and 17 were able to get some warm winter clothes.

Case No. 15: I am writing you for the first time and hope next year I will be better off. I have five children of my own and am taking care of my three grandchildren because their mother is in jail. All of the kids are in need of food and clothing. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case No. 16: My mother is sick and I am writing this letter for her. I am 12 and have two little brothers 11 and 9. We would like to have a nice Christmas dinner and maybe some toys. This year, I regret, we are in need of food. It's been a very hard year for me, raising these two kids by myself. We are hungry and need the support of you and your readers.

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Case No. 5: Will you please send a food basket to a friend? She is sick and unable to work. She has no husband or means of supporting herself. Help her to have a happy Christmas.

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Case No. 6: I am not on welfare and have three sons and a granddaughter. My children need winter coats, sizes 18 and 16 and it would be nice if the baby had some toys. We are also in need of food. Please help to make our Christmas a happy one.

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Case No. 7: Christmas is going to be a sad one for me and my 6 children. I have a daughter who is in the hospital but she'll be home soon, only to return in February. My other children have no winter clothes and no food. Please call Mrs. Santa for children's ages and sizes.

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Case No. 8: I heard you were sick, Mrs. Santa, and I hate asking this favor of you. I have four little children who will not eat at Christmas if you don't help. Will you please send us a food basket?

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Case No. 9: I had brain surgery and am still under treatment. I have a son at Rosewood State Hospital, plus three other children. They are all in need of winter clothing and food. Please help us. We are sincerely a needy case.

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Case No. 10: I have 6 children, 3 girls and a boy. They are in need of clothing and food. I am on welfare, but by the time I pay rent and utilities and feed them what I can, there is nothing left. Mrs. Santa has children's sizes and ages.

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Case No. 11: Will you please help? My mother and father are not able to do much for my brothers and sisters because they haven't much money. All of us need winter coats. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case No. 12: I am 72-years-old and would greatly appreciate a basket of food for Christmas.

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Case No. 13: I am a mother of six school-aged children. We are on welfare, but after expenses are paid, there is little or nothing left. Will you please help by sending us a basket of food?

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Case No. 14: My mother is 32-years-old and I have a brother who is in jail. I am 14 and all of my life I have always wanted a bike. I know this is asking for a lot, but it would be a dream come true if I were to get one. My mother and I are also in need of food. Won't you please help?

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Please help us.

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Case No. 17: My husband and I are separated and I am trying to raise five children decently. We are in need of everything, food, clothing and toys. Mrs. Santa, I wouldn't ask for help if I really didn't need it. (Mrs. Santa has children's ages and sizes).

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Case No. 18: I am a mother of 7, ages 6 to 18. They are all in school and I am trying my best to keep them there. One of my sons is a diabetic and requires a special diet. All of my kids are in need of winter clothing and food. Please help us in anyway you can. Mrs. Santa has children's ages and sizes.)

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Case N. 19: I am the oldest of my family and am writing this letter for my mother and six sisters. We are in need of clothing and food. Will you hep them to have a merry Christmas?

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Case No. 20: I would like you to help me with my seven children. Last year you helped us to have the happiest Christmas ever. We are in need of food.

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Case No. 21: I am 10-years-old and have nine sisters and brothers. My father doesn't live with us and my mother is doing the best she can. We need food, clothing and toys.

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Case No. 22: Will you please help a friend of mine have a happy Christmas by sending her a basket of food and maybe a few toys? She is a mother of 8 and is making it on her own.

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Case No. 23: A neighbor of mine is really going through hard times. She has three daughters and is trying her best to be a good mother. Those girls are in need of clothing, food and toys.

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Case No. 24: I am 49 years-old and the mother six. My husband left us 12 years ago and I have not seen or heard from him since. I am unable to work due to high blood pressure and recently I suffered a slight stroke. My children need clothes and food. Please help us. You are our last resort.

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Case No. 26: I have heard so much about how you help those less fortunate at Christmas time, I hope you will find it in your heart to help me. I am a mother of five and it's hard supporting a family alone. My five boys need winter clothing and most of all we need food.

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Case No. 27: I am sending my letter early like you said in one of your articles, Mrs. Santa, so my six children will be helped this year. We are in need of food.

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Case No. 28: I am writing this letter for my sister who was recently discharged from the hospital after undergoing a very serious operation. She has a daughter who is 4½-years-old, who needs clothes, toys and food. Will you please find a place on your list for her?

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Case No. 29: I have three children and two grandchildren, all of whom I am raising by myself. Will you please send us some food. The children are also in need of clothes.

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Case No. 30: My husband and I have been separated for three years and I am trying to rear four children. I am not on welfare but with my small salary, believe me, it's hard. We would certainly appreciate any help you can offer.

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Ghost of Grambling nemesis awaits Morgan at Jackson

Coach Earl Banks and his Morgan State College Bears enplaned from Friendship Airport this morning (Friday) for Jackson, Miss., where they will tangle with the formidable Jackson State College eleven tomorrow.

Boarding their flight, Banks and his assistants probably had etched in the back of their minds, the vision of the sensational Grambling College receiver, Frank Lewis.

In the last three meetings between Morgan and Grambling, Lewis was a constant thorn in the side of the Bears.

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The reason Banks is haunted by the ghost of Lewis, is the report that waiting for the Bears at Jackson is a young man with credentials every bit as impressive as Lewis if not more so.

According to knowing observers, Jerome Barkum may be the finest football player in the history of a school that has produced Willie Richardson, Roy Hilton, Lem Barney, Verlon Biggs and Speedy Duncan, among others.

Former Jackson State receiver coach Eugene Jones refers to Barkum as "the greatest athlete I have had the privilege to coach."

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Most scouts who have followed Barkum agree he will be a first-round selection at the NFL draft in January and one scouting combine has ranked him as the premier tight end available and the nation's fifth ranking performer in the over-all rating scale.

Barkum, who grew up in the Mississippi town of Gulfport, already has scouts envisioning another pro star on the order of former Morgan (now Oakland) tight end Ray Chester when his size (6-3½, 213 pounds) and speed (4.6 seconds for 40 yards) are mentioned. Scouts think he can play at 225 pounds in the pros with no appreciable loss of speed.

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His three-year pass receiving totals of 92 receptions for 1,514 yards, a 16.5-yard average per catch, and 17 touchdowns belie the fact he has played for three head coaches in four years. He also has shuttled between tight end and wide receiver, sometimes on a game-to-game basis.

A year ago, Barkum topped the Southwestern Athletic Conference in receiving until sidelined by a broken leg, his first serious injury in college.

He still managed to finish second in the league and won a spot on the SWAC all-star team.

Elizabeth Udel of Western High School, captured the girls' tennis championship Tuesday, losing only two games in the titular match played on the Western courts.

Miss Udel defeated Maria Mentis of Patterson, in the finals, 6-0 and 6-2.

To reach the championship bracket, the young Western titlist turned back Marcia Dickerson of Edmondson, in a semi-final that was cut short by the cold weather. The one-set victory was by a 6-2 margin. Miss Mentis downed Carol Spencer of Northern, in the other semi-final, 6-4.

Thirty-four girls competing $11 high schools.

Institutions participating were: Northern, Patterson, Southern, Western, Douglass, Forest Park Mondson Clifton Park, Northwestern, Dunbar and Walbrook.

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Turkey Bowl scheduled for Druid Oval Nov. 26

The Bureau of Recreation's annual Turkey Bowl will be held on Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., at Druid Hill Park oval.

The District 1 Turkey Bowl is a single elimination touch-football tournament that is held annually the Friday after Thanksgiving. The Turkey Bowl culminates all structured football in the district and includes recreation centers from all over the district.

The contestants must meet certain requirements. The Turkey Bowl is made up of two age groups — 12 years and under and 15 years and under.

Eligibility depends on (1) the individual participation during the season, and (2) his age and the amount of football exposure he has had.

Excellence in performance is not a pre-requisite for the tournament, although trophies are awarded to the first and second place winning teams in each age group.

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The tournament's goals are three-fold: First, to teach the participants good sportsmanship; second, to instill in the participants the value of teamwork, and third, to develop skills.

Donald Millard is district supervisor of District 1.

U.S. Davis Cup ace at tennis clinic

The Bueau of Recreation will conduct a tennis clinic today (Friday) at 3:45 p.m. at Eastern High School, 33rd and Loch Raven Boulevard.

The clinic will be held under the direction of Davis Cup star Stan Smith. For added information, call Miss Jean Powell at 685-5826.

Game time advanced over UMBC kickers

Because of the seasonal early darkness, the division championship football game between Northwestern High and Mt. St. Joe at Northwestern, has been moved up to a 2:45 p.m. kickoff today (Friday).

Seyoun leads Morgan

Morgan kickers ran their season record to 4-5 Tuesday, as they turned back University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 6-3, at Morgan's Hughes Statium.

Dawit Seyoun and Ricardo Villanueva led the scoring, the former tallying four goals and the latter two.

Duck hunters warned

With the openisg of Maryland's duck season (Nov. 6), a special warning is issued to hunters using boats.

Boating mishaps can be extremely serious in cold weather.

For example, when the water temperature is 32.5 degrees, a human can expect to be unconscious within 15 minutes. With a lifepsaving device he can expect to survive for another 30 minutes,—perhaps time for aid to arrive.

The best advice is to have adequate lifepsaving gear aboarl and readily available, not stowed where you have to wrestle with it to get it."

Hunters are warned against overloading a boat asd standing up carelessly in a boat.

The duck season is split; one portion extending from Nov. 6 to Nov. 27 and the other from De. 9 to Jan. 15.

Wurf won't sit

The head of the nation's largest government union has refused a White House invitation to serve on the post-freeze committee on state and local government cooperation.

Jerry Wurf, president of the 540,000-member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes turned down the offer last weekend. A spokesman for Wurf said, "We're refusing to serve on the committee as it is now conceived because it has no power and we don't think it will accomplish anything."

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