Hundreds Beg AFRO's Mrs. Santa For Yule Help

Make someone happy by adopting a family here

The calendar shows just 14 days until Christmas, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa has hundreds of letters pouring in asking for Christmas cheer. You can help her play Santa.

If you are interested in adopting a case, simply call Mrs. Santa who is in real life Mrs. Marie Phillips Cooke, who is now back at her desk at the AFRO.

Call her at 728-8200, Monday thru Thursday from 8:45 a.m.-noon or 1:15-5 p.m. Fridays 8:45 a.m.-noon or Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

All you need do is select the case number you wish to help and Mrs. Santa will give you the family's name and address and any other information you desire about the case.

Once a family has been adopted, Mrs. Santa pulls the letters from her files and considers it taken care of, therefore, you will have to live up to the promise you make or else there will be some very unhappy people at Christmastime.

Already Mrs. Santa has received 1,900 letters from Baltimoreans who are in need.

Won't you please help by selecting a case number and doing what you can.

There are only 14 days until Christmas and many of these needy AFRO readers won't even have a slice of bread on their kitchen table for dinner. Their children will not have anything under the tree or maybe not even a pair of shoes or a warm winter coat.

It's up to you to help. Mrs. Santa is waiting for your call.

If you find it impossible to adopt a family, you can still help by making a contribution to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. She will use your contribution to purchase food and clothing certificates for the needy left on her list.

Mail your tax deductible contribution to

AFRO's Mrs. Santa
AFRO Charities Inc.
P.O. Box 1857
Baltimore, Md., 21203

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Here are some more letters from needy families:

Case 242 — I have a heart condition and my husband is enable to work had 2 operations. I am on a special diet but would like a small basket.

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Case 243 — I am writing for a friend of mine. I am asking for a small basket for him and also if you know anyone who has a TV, because he could not walk at one time and still is not so good. He would like to enjoy the sports.

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Case 244 — My mother has 10 children and I, 16, am expecting a baby in Dec. My mother has been both parents for 8 years. After paying all the bills there is only enough to get the smaller ones a toy or two. There are only 4 that really need toys.

Case 245 — I am a mother of 6 and expecting another in Dec. My husband is in the hospital. I would like for you to make my children happy this year. We would accept food and clothing.

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Case 246 — My husband left my four children and I some time ago. I live in an old house and since the heat got turned off there is only a small electric heater in one room where we all sleep. My baby girl believes Santa comes to every house no matter how poor. Please help us this year with anything. I would like to restore some hope in my family.

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Case 247 — I would like a small basket for myself and the 10 of my children.

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Case 248 — I am on the welfare and after paying the bills there isn't enough to get anymore than a few clothes. I just had a baby and I would like a washing machine, if possible.

Case 249 — I would like a basket and some clothing for my children. My husband is in jail. We would appreciate anything you can give. (Mrs. Santa has sizes.)

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Case 250 — I am a mother of five children. I would like to have a basket and some toys and clothing for my children. (Mrs. Santa has ages and sizes.)

Case 251 — I am asking for help for my deceased sister's children. There are five children. They are in need of food and clothing for Christmas. Times have been bad for us, because they lost their father in March. I am trying to do my best, please help us Mrs. Santa. (Mrs. Santa has sizes.)

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Case 252 — I am a mother of six children, my boys need coats to wear back and forth to school. We would appreciate a basket or some toys. Please help my children. (Mrs. Santa has sizes and ages.)

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Case 253 — I am a mother of six children, my boys band and I are separated. I am under doctor's care and have been for some time. We would like to have a basket and some clothing. (Mrs. Santa has ages and sizes.)

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Case 254 — I have a daughter two years old, I am not able to write myself because I have arthritis all over my body and have to go back and forth to the doctors. My little girl wants a doll for Christmas and we would like to have a basket of food. I do not have a husband and I am staying with my sister-in-law right now. Please help us.

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Case 255 — There are four in my family and with the check I receive I am unable to get things for my kids. My kids really need clothes, shoes and socks.

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Case 256 — I had a fire in my home on the 16th of November, it destroyed everything in my bed room. My children's clothes and bedroom furniture was destroyed. I have seven children and I need some bedroom furniture and clothes for my children. Unless we get some help from you, my children will have a very bad Christmas. (Mrs. Santa has sizes.)

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Case 257 — My husband is ill, and I am on welfare. I have three children, they need clothes and food. Anything in my bedroom. My my family happy would be appreciated. (Mrs. Santa has sizes.)

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Case 258 — I am writing this letter for my mother. My father died last year and left my mother ten children to take care of. We get some money from Social Security but it is not enough. We would like some toys and clothes and food.

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Case 259 — I am a mother of eight children. I am separated and receive a check each month. I recently had a fire which destroyed my bedroom, but no one was hurt. I lost some money in the fire that I had been saving for Christmas. If you could help us with food and toys and clothes we would appreciate it.

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Case 260 — I am a mother of two children. We are on welfare because I am ill and not able to work. My husband walked away and left us. We would be happy for anything you can give us for Christmas.

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Case 261 — Please give me a Christmas basket. We have never had a nice Christmas for a while. I have four children. Please help us for Christmas.

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Case 262 — I am 59 years of age and have high blood pressure. I have five children and I would like to get some clothes for them. We would also like to have a Christmas basket. I thank you very much.

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Case 263 — I am a father of four boys with no wife. We have been separated for over four years. I earn $70.00 per week which is sometimes not enough. I need help in getting my gas and electric turned back

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ANOTHER $100—AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Marie Phillips Cooke, accepts check from Maryland Dental Society, represented by (L. to R.) Dr. Billy P. Davis, president and Dr. Fabian F. Desbordes, treasurer.

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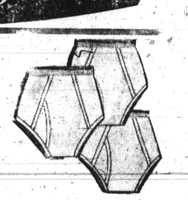

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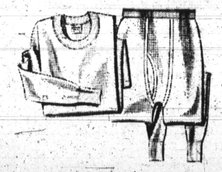

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—Make someone happy

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on:

rent is behind. I owe $120.00. If you could help us, it would be a wonderful Christmas for my kids.

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Case 264 — I am a high school student writing for my family. We receive a small check for Social Services and my stepfather is a construction worker, but this time of the year work is slack. I am asking for a toy for the smaller children and a basket so we can have a nice dinner. We older children aren't asking for anything because we understand. (Mrs. Santa has ages.)

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Case 265 — I have six children and we would appreciate anything you could give us. We would like toys, shoes, food and clothes. We are on Public Welfare and it is hard for me to make out. (Mrs. Santa has sizes and ages.)

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Case 266 — I am writing this letter for my friend. She has two children of her own and she is trying to hold her 10 brothers and sisters together. If someone has a dining room set or some chairs they would be greatly appreciated. They can also use food and clothes.

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Case 267 — I have four children. I don't have enough money to get them anything for Christmas. They need shoes, clothes and a few toys. We would also like to have a basket. Any help would be appreciated. (Mrs. Santa has sizes and ages.)

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Case 268 — I have three children and one is expected soon. I am asking for just a little help for Christmas. I am working now but will soon have to stop. I have not seen their father for over six years and am doing my best to take care of them. (Mrs. Santa has ages and sizes.)

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Case 269 — I am not able to work, I have been sick for a long time. I do not have a husband and we are on welfare. We need some shoes for both of us and some food. I hope you can help us.

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Case 270 — I am writing this letter for my mother. My father is not able to work. Mom can't find work. There are ten children in the house and my mother would like for us to have clothes and a basket. The smaller children a small toy also. (Mrs. Santa has sizes and ages.)

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Case 271 — This year I will not be able to provide my children with a Christmas by myself, due to family problems. I wish you would help me with my children in any possible way and I will be very thankful for anything I can get.

Case 272 — My husband's company has been on strike and we have four children. Please give us a basket of food.

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Case 273 — My godmother has eight children and is bedridden. She really needs all the help she can get.

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Case 274 — I am writing for my sisters and brothers. My mother does day's work, but makes very little. Will you help make Christmas happy for them? We live with my aunt.

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Case 275 — I am a mother of seven who are hungry and need winter clothes. May God bless you.

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Case 276 — I am sick and have to go to the clinic every week. I have two children who need food and clothing.

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Case 277 — I am 74 and on welfare. My rent recently went up and I can't buy enough food to last me for the month. I don't walk too well so I can't get around. Please send me a basket of food.

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Case 278 — I have four boys who can use anything you are able to give, including food.

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Case 279 — It would make my husband and me very happy if you would send us a basket of food. Both of us are disabled.

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Case 280 — I am a mother of two small boys who are in need of clothing and toys.

Case 281 — I am an old lady and would like a small basket of food for Christmas.

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Case 282 — I have 10 grandchildren and two sons. We are in need of everything.

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Case 283 — Please help me this year. I am 61 and would like a basket of food.

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Case 284 — I cannot send my six children to school because they do not have winter coats. They are also hungry, too.

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Case 285 — I have five children and was recently in an accident. I am now under the doctor's care. My children are in need of clothes and shoes.

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Case 286 — I am a mother of 10 children, ages 5-20. I am thinking mainly of the small children in reference to Christmas. They are in need of clothing and toys. We all need food.

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Case 287 — After paying rent and utilities, there is little or nothing left from my welfare check. Without your help my six children will have a very sad holiday. Please send us some food.

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Case 288 — I am asking for my three children. They are in need of food.

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Case 289 — I am 11 and my mother has four other children. My father is dead and we are on welfare. We would appreciate some food, clothing and shoes.

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Case 290 — Due to the coldness and lack of outside jobs, my husband has been out of work. We have two children and would appreciate some food.

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Case 291 — I am unable to work and one of my sons is very ill. We would like a basket of food.

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Case 292 — I will have to spend Christmas in the hospital. Will you please send some clothes for my son, age 5 and daughter, age 7? They are also in need of some food.

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Case 293 — My husband has been sick and unable to work. We have three children. God will bless you Mrs. Santa. We are in need of food.

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Case 294 — I have four sisters and brothers. My father won't help my mother pay the bills and we are in need of clothing and food.

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Case 295 — I have two children, daughter 16 and son 12 who are in need of clothing. We would also appreciate some food.

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Case 296 — Please send my seven children a basket of food this year. It will make them very happy to have a nice Christmas dinner.

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Case 297 — I am blind and a widow. I have no relatives or anyone else to turn to. If you will send me a basket of food, I will have a very nice holiday.

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Case 298 — My six children won't eat on Christmas day without your help.

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Case 299 — I have three children who are hungry. Will you please send us a basket of food?

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Case 300 — There are eight children in my family and we are all in need of help. We need clothing and food. Anything you do will be appreciated.

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Case 301 — I am expecting another child next month and already have three. I would be thankful for some clothing and food for my family.

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Case 302 — I am due to have another child any day now and have two others who need clothing and food.

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Case 303 — My 15-year-old daughter is in need of a winter coat, shoes and clothing. I am a shut-in who suffers with heart trouble. I am also in need of bed linens.

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Case 304 — Will you please send my sisters and brothers some toys?

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Case 305 — My husband is in the hospital and we have four children who need clothing and food.

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Case 306 — I am a widow and partially paralyzed on my left side. Please send me a basket of food.

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Case 307 — I am 57 and not able to work. I wear a size 18 and need winter clothing and a basket of food.

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Case 308 — I have six children. My husband has arthritis. The children are in need of clothing and food.

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Case 309 — My father does not live with us. My mother is trying to support the four of us, but it's hard on her. We have nothing to eat most of the time and our house is cold. Will you please help in any way you can?

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Case 310 — My brother just had a kidney operation. My mother is sick and our income is limited. There are eight of us and we are in need of EVERYTHING.

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Case 311 — We can't even find a decent place to live. I have four children who need winter clothing, food and toys. Please help in any way you can.

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Case 312 — I have five boys and a girl. We had a poor Thanksgiving. My husband is always going to jail for first one thing then another. My children's ages range from 1-10. Please help us.

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Case 313 — I have five boys and two girls. We didn't have anything to eat on Thanksgiving and it looks like it's going to be the same thing on Christmas without your help. I was just released from the hospital.

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Case 314 — I am 78 years old and would really appreciate a basket of food.

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Case 315 — Please send me a basket of food for my seven children. I do housework but suffer with arthritis.

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Case 316 — I am a mother of three boys who need winter clothing and food.

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Case 317 — I am blinded on one side and have to do odd jobs. It's hard to find construction work this time of the year. I have 4 children who will go without a decent dinner without your help. They also need clothing and toys.

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Case 319: I see no kind of holiday for my four children and two grandchildren this year. I am unable to work and neither are my grandkids' mother. We would appreciate a basket of food, clothing and toys, if possible.

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Case 320: By the time I pay, living expenses out of my welfare check there is no money left. Please help my four children and me this year. We are in need of food.

Case 321: I don't have a husband, but have two children. It would make them very happy this Christmas. If you would send them some food, clothing and toys. This is my first time writing to you.

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Case 322: I have a very dear friend who really needs your help. I would like to help her, but can't. She has nine children and is on welfare. Those children may have to go without dinner on Christmas. Her husband left her recently and she is expecting another child soon. She has four girls and five boys. Please do anything you can.

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Case 323: My husband is dead and I am trying to rear six children. I am in

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PIGGY BANK—Mia Kimberly Scott gives Mrs. Santa's helper (Miss Amy Woolridge) her piggy bank which contained $27.31 for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa.

"We're never asked for help before, but...."

Case 318: We have never asked for help before, however, we need it this year. My mother has 12 children and a 6-month-old grandchild. We are in need of clothing and shoes. It's not so easy on my mother trying to raise 14 on welfare.

My sisters and brothers are out of school most of the time because they have nothing to wear. May God bless you and your helpers.

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