Share and care...make a family happy this Xmas

AFRO'S Mrs. Santa needs you

Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities is a non-profit organization of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers which collects funds to aid the less fortunate at Christmas.

Funds are used to purchase food baskets which include all the ingredients for a meal and staples to last at least two weeks. Names are supplied by our readers, city agencies and the Police Department.

SPECIAL NOTE

If you decide to contribute $50 or more, please call Mrs. Santa at 728-8205 and we'll arrange for a picture with Mrs. Santa. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give.

WRITE

If you know a needy family, a burned out family, write and give us the full facts. The names, ages, sizes of children and why you think they need help. We will investigate and try to help. All families are listed in our files and in the paper by case numbers.

ADOPT FAMILY

We suggest that clubs and organizations send cash donations to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund. We are able to purchase food in bulk, and the basket will be delivered by the Maryland National Guard. Send your check or money order to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

If you wish to give clothing or furniture to a family, call Mrs. Santa, 728-8205 and we will arrange to give you the name and address of the family, or arrange for transportation.

The Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Zeta Upsilon Chapter of UMBC collected toys, canned goods and clothing. They will be collecting until Dec. 17 at UMBC. Front: James Spencer, president; George Cure, vice president; Paul DeNard, social action chairman; Robert Rodgers, treasurer; and Mrs. Robest Muhammad of Muhammad Mosque #6, who helped in collecting the clothes. Rear: Bakir Syed, secretary of the Mosque; Michael Rice, Donald Johnson and Eric Talley.

Mrs. Santa's Cases

Case 182 — I have five kids and I am on the welfare. You made everything so happy for us last year. They had a nice meal to eat. Please, can you help us again this year. We will be glad for anything you give.

Case 183 — I have been unable to work this year because of sickness. I would appreciate a basket for myself, four children and a grandson. Thank you.

She's been in hospital

CASE 184—I am writing about a woman who has been in the hospital several times during the last four months. She had a gall stone operation. She is home now, but very weak and can't get around too good. She has 3 children, girls, 14 and 20 and son 19. Her grandchildren are one one and 6. They are very much in need of clothes and a Christmas basket.

CASE 185—Please help a young girl who lives on my floor. Her husband was killed during the summer and she was left with three children and one on the way. She receives a check but she could certainly use a Christmas basket and a few toys for the kids.

CASE 186—Please help this retired couple, who are rearing their, 14-year-old nephew. They have had him since his mother died when he was one week old. Please send them a basket for Christmas. I am sure they would be most happy to receive one.

CASE 187 — A dear friend of mine is in need of help. She is the mother of two girl, 10 and 5 and a boy, 12. They are on welfare. If at all possible, please help make their Christmas a happy one this year.

My husband is in jail

Case 188—I am the mother of two girls, ages 9 and 12. We receive a small check from the Department of Social Services. My husband has been in jail since 1972. Please help us have a nice Christmas.

CASE 189—Please help my friend. She is 55 years old and has diabetes, heart trouble and high blood pressure. She keeps talking about an old-fashioned Christmas dinner. Please see that she gets a basket. She would be a happy person.

I've been on strike

CASE 190—I am the mother of two boys, ages 14 and 11. I have been on strike since August. I received help from the Department of Social Services and my ex-husband, but I would appreciate some help with food so we can have a wonderful Christmas dinner.

CASE 191—I would like a Christmas basket because I am a chronic heart patient and am unable to work. I am not bed ridden but I also have high blood pressure. I had a stroke and two fractured ankle bones.

CASE 192—A mother with 2 daughters, ages 12 and 11 and 2 sons, ages 10 and 8. The family is receiving money from the Department of Human Resourcef. The mother has found it very hard to find work. For a while she worked as a salad girl. The hours were extremely long and the pay very low. She could not stand the strain of sometimes working a double shift so she had to give it up. Since then the family has had various medical and dental problems. Even so, she is always willing to do as much as she can is quite capable here at the project.

I had btth knees operated on...

..Case 194 — Mrs. Santa Claus, I hope you will help me if you can for a Christmas basket as I am 40 years old and both knees have been operated on, and I don't work because of this. I would appreciate whatever you send me for Christmas.

..Case 195 — I am separated from my husband and I have five children. I work but when I pay bills, I will not have nothing for the children. Please help us with a basket of food.

We need milk for baby....

..Case 196 — I am a 19-year old mother of a three-week baby girl. I am unemployed and cannot seem to find a job. I did receive unemployment benefits but they ceased. If I could receive a basket for Christmas for my baby and me, we would be most grateful. We would appreciate some milk for my baby.

..Case 197—Could you please help me and my three kids for Christmas? I would like to have a basket or a turkey. We did not have anything for Thanksgiving. I would like for them to have a nice dinner for Christmas. The money I get don't last long after I pay my rent and bills. I do not get any food stamps. Please help us if you can.

daughter in a fire... I lost my

..Case 198 — Please help me in any way you can. I am in need of everything. I was burned out of my house three week ago, and lost my 18-month-old daughter in a fire. I have one boy, size 4, girl's size 4, two adults, sizes 11-12 and 17-18. Anything you give, I will be grateful. I would appreciate a basket and some toys for the children. May God bless you and your help.

..Case 199 — I am 16 years old. I am writing for my brother and me. We would like a basket for our mother on Christmas Day. We are not asking for too much. Just so that you and the rest of the good people help her. She doesn't get that much from Social Services. My brother and I would appreciate very, very much.

..Case 200 — I am a widow and I have a 13-year-old boy and 14-year-old girl. My mother died so I also have my brother, 16. Please give us a food basket and some clothes to wear. Anything you do for us will be appreciated.

My friend was fired...

..Case 201 — I am writing for a friend of mine who was just fired from her job. She was sick at the time and couldn't get back to work when they requested her to. She is now in the process of trying to get on social services. She has three boys, ages 6, 10,11. Please send them a basket of food. If you can a toy for each of them, I am sure they would be happy, but most of all they need food.

..Case 202 — My mother died seven months ago and left me to take care of my nine sisters and brothers. I am 25 with two children of my own and one niece. My father is also deceased. All I have left is my grandmother who is 66 years old and she has cancer. I have high blood pressure and on welfare.

..Case 203 — I am writing for a fellow employee. She is badly in need of food for her family of nine. She works with us and gets a partial check from the welfare but it is hard for her with no help. Please see that she and her family get a basket for Christmas.

..Case 204 — I have two children and my husband works. But, it is only four days and he doesn't make very much. I can't work because I had an operation in each hip. Please send us a basket for Christmas.

..Case 205 — My husband has Sickle Cell anemia and I have arthritis and a slipped disc. We have a five year old grandliving with us. My daughter living with us. My daughter lives elsewhere and her father is serving 12 years. We would greatly appreciate a Christmas basket and something to make a little girl's Christmas brighter. Thank you.

I will be broke Xmas

..Case 207 — I am 80 years old and I receive a social security check. I will be broke around Christmas. I would certainly appreciate a Christmas basket so if any of my grandchildren come around I will at least have some dinner to offer them.

..Case 208 — The doctor has stopped our mother from working. We are not in need of food, but we do need clothing and would like to have some toys. My mother and three older sisters who are in high school also need clothing. Our sizes are 14, 8, 3, 4 and 3. Please come to our rescue.

..Case 209 — I suffered a stroke 1971 and am able to do very little for my children. My husband is dead and I get a small check. Please send my two children something for Christmas please. We will be thankful for dinner.

Case 210—I am expecting in December and have two girls, ages 9, and 8, and a boy 12. My husband has been unemployed since June, and we are still waiting for them to call him back. We receive unemployment checks but he will go some weeks and there is no checks for him by the time we get them we have owed it all out. We can use some baby clothes and will accept them with an open heart. Please help my family be happy once again. I am 28 and mu husband is 49.

Case 211 — My sister died and my husband and I are taking care of her children, plus 2 of my own and my 86-year-old grandfather. We need help very badly. Please send us some food and clothing.

Case 212 — I am separated from my husband and I have four children. I was laid off my job in November and have applied for unemployment. My funds have run out completely. Please send us a Christmas basket so my children and I can have a good dinner.

I am in need of something of everything...

Case 214 — I have just been released from the hospital and I am still sick. My wife is also unable to work. Please send us a basket for Christmas.

Case 215 — I have never written to you before because after reading the cases of other families, I just couldn't do it even though I thought I needed help. My husband and I separated some years ago and two years ago he was shot and killed. I now receive Social Security for my five children, ages 9 to 14. I am 30 years old and each year things seem to get harder. I am not asking for anything for myself but I would like to have coats for them and a food basket. My birthday is Christmas day and it would be a merry one for them and a happy birthday for me. I have three boys, sizes 12, 14 sm and 16 sm and 2 girls, sizes 8-9 and 9-10 teen sizes.

Wives of Fire Fighters presented Mrs. Santa $50. Above, Mesdames Irma Taylor, treasurer; Mildred Goodwyn, president; and Margaret Dorsey, business manager. Rear, Bernice Redmond, Hilda Leach, AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters; Barbara McKnight and Tina Dyson.

The William F. Taylor Lodge #57, PHA, adopted 50 of Mrs. Santa's families. They will be having their Annual Christmas Cabaret on Fri., Dec. 17, 9:30-2 a.m. at the Maritime Union Hall. The admission is 4 items of food perperson. James Purdy, junior warden; Norman H. DeMar, worshipful master; Mrs. Santa's helper, Ms. Sheila Phillips, and Vic Cole, senior warden.

Mrs. Santa's Fund $4,493.65

Baltimore Municipal Employees Local #44	$500.00
M. Goldseker Co.	300.00
William C. March Funeral Home	300.00
D.B. Dusters, Inc.	250.00
Myra Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star PHA	150.00
Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56 F.A.M. PHA	150.00
The Twelve Personality Girls	$ 150.00
Prince Hall Masons, Grand Lodge	100.00
The A.M.E. Preachers Meeting	100.00
All In The Family Club	100.00
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United Nurses of Various Churches	50.00
The Brighter Day Charity and Social Club	50.00
Wives of Firefighters	50.00
Douglas Memorial Church	50.00
The V.A.G.'s	50.00
The School Marms	50.00
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Women's Civic League, North Ave. Branch	15.00
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Mrs. Lottie Mullen	10.00
William M. Cooper	10.00
Rev. C.L. Whitfield	10.00
Neal Ford	5.00
Mrs. Edith Coleman	5.00

Leonard Cox presented Mrs. Santa's helper Sheila Phillips with $35. The gift is from him and his wife, Thelma.

Wimple McCaden, treasurer of the Ambrosia Brotherhood of Douglas Memorial Church Men's Club, presents Mrs. Santa's helper, Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, with $50. Arthur Reid is president; Clarence Williams, secretary.

Mrs. Olivia Weems, president of Les Tams Social Club, presented $100 to AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Ida Peters. The club was formed in 1958 and has 12 members including Jennie McCoy, Virginia Patterson, Hortense Henry, Elnora White, Irene Terry, Gladys Scott, Barbara Mitchell, Forriest Ayres, Margery Green and Rose Logan.

Mrs. Santa's helpers

By Aretta Lottier

Seven Corners Restaurant

The Seven Seas Restaurant, 2230 Reisterstown Rd., is selling chances to raise money to give the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. They plan to give $300 to this worthy cause. There will be a drawing at the restaurant on Dec. 23 at 12 noon. If you would like to buy some chances, call John High — 367-6228.

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The William F. Taylor Lodge No. 57, PHA and the Ashburton Insurance, LTD. invite the public to their annual Christmas Cabaret on Friday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 at the Maritime Union Hall, 8 N. Broadway.

This cabaret will enable the group to adopt 50 of Mrs. Santas families. There will be free set ups, good music and door prizes. The only thing you need with the ticket is four items of canned goods like sweet potatoes, string beans, sour kraut, whole corn, cranberry sauce, mixed nuts.

Les Tams, a social club, gave $100 to Mrs. Santa. These ladies organized in 1958 and have done quite a bit to help others. They have contributed to the Baptist Home. Mrs. Santa and sent a child to camp in the summer. Mrs. Olivia Weems is president. Other members are: Mesdames: Jennie Mcoy, Virginia Patterson, Hortense Henry, Elnora White, Irene Terry, Gladys Scott, Barbara Mitchell, Forriest Ayres, Margery Green and Rose Logan. Many thanks for the $100 you gave Mrs. Santa.

Thanks to the Brighter Day Charity-Social Club for the $50 they gave to Mrs. Santa. There are 10 ladies in the club and they started the group in 1973.

Last year they gave $500 to the Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church. This year they contributed to the Anna Mae Hunter Home and Mrs. Santa.

Mrs. Mabel Crosby is president; Mesdames: Beatrice Lawson, treasurer Beatrice Moses, vice-president; Rauza Moore, financial secretary; Viola Caldwell, recording secretary; Bertha Edwards, business manager; Bessie Epperson, chaplain.

Job Corps Center, Woodstock, Md. are adopting out of Mrs. Santa's families this year as well as giving a food basket to a center. They plan to collect between $50-$70 for these baskets, Dr. Joseph Royal is director.

Title I Office of the Baltimore Public Schools will give toys to Mrs. Santa on Dec. 21. Mrs. Dorothea Smith, field associate for non public Title I schools, suggested giving toys to Mrs. Santa instead of exchanging gifts among each other. Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes is assistant superintendant of Early Childhood Education for Baltimore City Public Schools. Mrs. Velma Evans is coordinator of the Title I Office.

Cheers to Mrs. Dorothea Marsh, 3300 blk. W. North Ave. Who was so kind in picking up clothes from others and bringing them to Mrs. Santa but she had a car accident in which she was hurt and her car demolished. Hope things will be better soon.

One of Mrs. Santa's helpers is interested in adopting two little girls beeween 10 and 11 years of age. Her children are married and she wants to help some other youngsters.

The D.B. Dusters Inc. a Citizens Band Radio Club, a non-profit, charitable organization sent $25 to Mrs. Santa. They also contributed $500. to the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the blind and $250. to Sickle Cell Anemia — Provident Hospital.

This group was the only C.B. club in Baltimore to receive the Mayor's Baltimore Best Award. They are also the recipients of the Northwestern District Police Community Relations Council Award. Their slogan is "And a C. B. Duster will be there."

Twelve Personality Girls, organized for 35 years, gave Mrs. Santa $150. This group works all year helping the blind, churches, cripple boys and other people in need. Miss Edith King is president; Mrs. Elizabeth Thornten; vice president; Miss Loraine Fisher, recording secretary; Mrs. Catherine Fisher, financial secretary; Mrs. Margaret Dodson, chaplain; Miss Mary Queen, legal advisor; Mrs. Lillian Washington, business manager; Mrs. Lorine Pinkney, accountant; Miss Hilda Thomas, ticket agent: Mrs. Loretta Ryan, sgt-at-arms.

Wives of Fire Fighters Inc. gave Mrs. Santa $50. last week. They also honored the Outstanding Black Fire Fighter of the Year, Charles R. Thoms, Sr. and 16 other fire fighters were recognized for outstanding service last Saturday.

Officers of the club are: Mesdames Mildred Goodwyn, president; Michelle Nesbit, vice president; Margaret Dorsey, recording secretary; Vernet Wilson, corresponding secretary; Irma Taylor, treasurer; Mary Deshields, business manager.

Members are: Shirley Chapman, Delores Davenport, Tina Dyson, Barbara McKnight; Barbara Smith, Dorothy Gaines, Bernice Redmond, Esther Purnell, Hilda Leach, Shirley Holly. Honorary members are Judith Martin and Peggy Thomas.

A free "Christmas at the Lyric" concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 11 8 p.m. A combined student chorus from Baltimore city and county schools and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Darrold Hunt, (left above) will sing. Right, Prentis C. Nolan is coordinator, Office of Music, Baltimore City Schools. Concert is sponsored by Mayor's Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture and the Baltimore County Arts Council.

Enoch Pratt

Coming Events

(Week of December 12-18)

Wed. Dec. 15

"Nana, Mom and Me," film at the Pratt Library's Reisterstown Road Branch, 2 p.m.

"The Dutchman," film at the Pratt Library's Lafayette Square Center, 6 p.m.

Exhibit

"Private Papers of the Lord Baltimore," historic documents relating to the early days of the colony of Maryland from the Pratt Library's Hugh Hampton Young Collection, at the Central Pratt Library, Central Hall and second-floor cases, through January 16, 1977.

Events for Children

(Week of Dec. 12-18)

Mon., Dec. 13

Fells Point Center: Film — "J.T.," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 14

Fort Nothing a Center: Films — "Sleeping Beauty, Briar Rose" and "The Roc Bird and the Rescue." 3 p.m.

Morrell Park Center: Films — "Madeline and the Gypsies" and "The Velveteen Rabbit." 3 p.m.

Light Street Branch: Film — "A Christmas Carol with Mr. Magoo." 3:30 p.m.

Central Library, Children's Department: Film — "Winter of the Witch." 4 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 15

Waverly Branch: Films — "Christmas in Denmark," "A Boy and a Boat," and "Christmas Rhapsody," 10 p.m.

Forest Park Branch: Film — "The Magic Horse." 3 p.m.

Northwood Branch: Film — "A Christmas Carol." 3 p.m.

Govans Branch: Films — "Up for the Cup," "Zlateh the Goat," "That's All We Need," and "The Great Toy Robbery." 3:30 p.m.

Pimlico Branch: Films — "Time Flies" and "Peewee's Pianola." 3:30 p.m.

Walbrook Branch: Film — "Hunted in Holland," 3:30 p.m.

Canton Center: Film — "The Great Toy Robbery," "Christmas Cracker," "Pluto's Christmas Tree," "Santa's Toys," and "The Fir Tree," 4 p.m.

Patterson Park Branch: Films — "Peggy and Pierre," "The Tale of Custard the Dragon," and "Christmas Cracker," 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 16

Gardenville Branch: Surprise film, 3 p.m.

Waverly Branch: Film — "J.T.," 3:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill Center: Film — "J.T.," 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 18

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium: Surprise film, 2 p.m.

Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Epsilon chapter, will goods and clothing at University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) until Dec. 17.

The Shingle House Beauty Salon, 3118 West North Ave. is collecting canned goods for Mrs. Santa. Ms Barbara Brunson hopes to have the baskets filled in time for Dec. 21.

Laurence Hall of the Dolfield Barber Shop is presenting the AFRO's Mrs. Santa with $50.

Paul Collins makes history.

A self-taught artist, Paul Collins didn't get where he is today by taking shortcuts. Born in 1936, he has spent almost his entire life perfecting his art, blending inspiration with determination, to become one of America's top talents.

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