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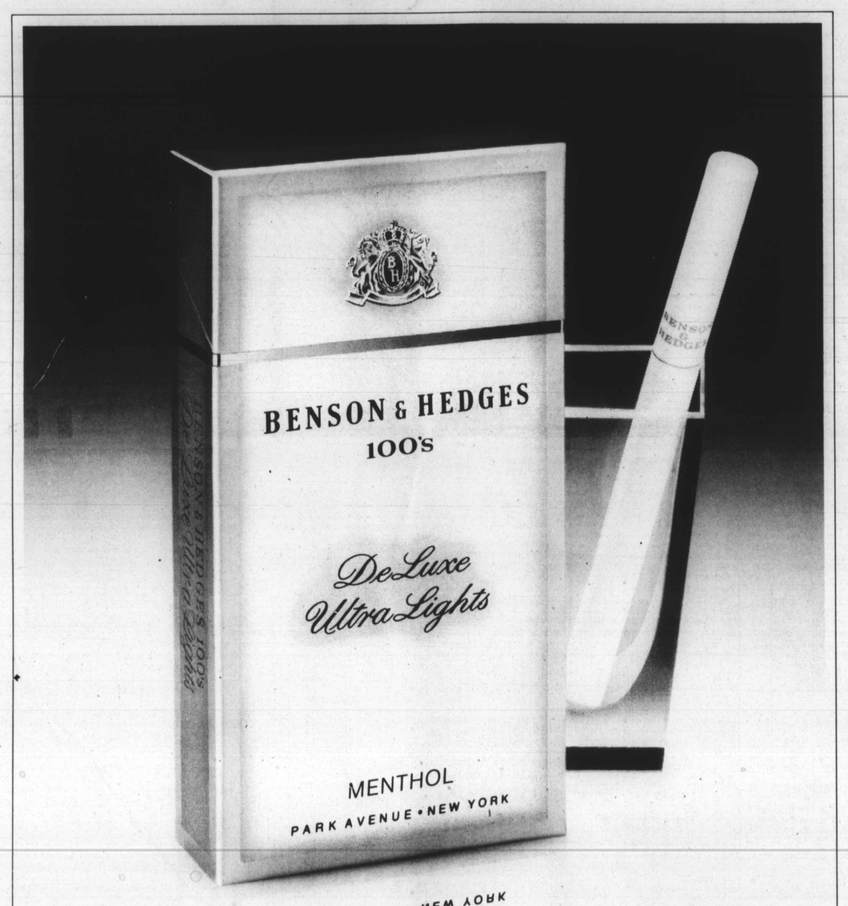

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1986 MRS. SANTA CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Santa's Helpers

By Elyn Garrett

As we get further into our MRS. SANTA Campaign, our list of helpers continues to grow, as does our heartfelt gratitude.

At this writing, our Mrs. Santa fund is at $3,676, which brings us to the point of this column: to thank the many who continue to contribute to our cause.

On Halloween, we received a "treat" from Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin in the amount of $75. The Franklins have been very supportive of the AFRO Charities in past years.

Another yearly patron is Mr. Earley Kersey. This year, Mr. Kersey sent us a check in the amount of $25 and also a poem entitled "Children Learn What They Live," which reads in part:

If a Child Lives with Criticism,
He learns to Condemn
If a Child lives with Hostility,
He learns to Fight
If a Child Lives with Ridicule,
He learns to be Shy
If a Child Lives with Shame, He learns to feel Guilty
If a Child Lives with Tolerance,
He Learns to be Patient
If a Child Lives with Encouragement, He learns Confidence
If a Child Lives with Praise, He learns to Appreciate
If a Child Lives with Fairness,
He learns Justice . . .

We thought this was a very befitting poem, since one of our goals is to make this holiday season special for children. We thank Mr. Kersey for sending it along with his donation.

Mr. Herbert Alston sent us a check in the amount of $100; Mr. and Mrs. John B. Myers of Ruxton Avenue also contributes $100 to the fund.

We received a check from the Lake Ashburton Neighborhood Association in the amount of $25. Unfortunately, they did not include a listing of the association's officers for print.

On Tuesday, November 4, we received donations from Ms. June B. Thorne and Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Inc. where Mr. Daniel Henson is president. They sent $25 and $250, respectively.

Wednesday, November 5 was a very good day for us. We received donations in the mail from Mr. Allen H. Vessells in memory of Mrs. Frances Vessells ($50), Ms. Llewellyn H. Walker ($25), Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson ($10).

Perhaps you might remember how dreary Wednesday was with the rain lasting the entire day. Things weren't dreary at all at our offices, thanks to the generous contribution we received from Mr. William C. March of March Funeral Home. His daughter, Mrs. Annette March-Grier came into our office and presented the check in the amount of $1000. We are very grateful for the donation, as it was a big boost in the arm to the campaign.

Although the financial contributions that you have been making are very important to the campaign, there are other important contributions to be recognized as well. Many people have been reading our list of cases which are printed weekly, and have been adopting private families for Thanksgiving or Christmas or both. In this way, you are able to help the family of your choice.

Those who have adopted private families thus far are: Ms. Ann Adams, Ms. Elsie Farmer, Ms. Shelia Bennett, Mr. James Green, Ms. Sherry Lester, Mr. Avery Mattison and Richard and Cynthia Spence.

A special Thank You to these people who will be giving of themselves and of their time to ensure a happier holiday season for families who are less fortunate. The Campaign would not be the success it is without all of you.

Help someone have a Merry Christmas by adopting a case or sending a check! You won't regret it!

Thanks for your support!! Contributions so far...

Mr. William C. March	$1000.00
Provident Bank of Maryland	300.00
Struever Bros. Eccles and Rouse, Inc.	250.00
Baltimore Chapter Continental Societies, Inc.	200.00
Senator Clarence W. Blount and the Five in Five Democratic Club	200.00
Mrs. Beatrice Howard Hall	150.00
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Myers	100.00
Mr. Herbert Alston, Jr.	100.00
Ms. Gertie Hudson	100.00
Singer Travel Agency	100.00
Mercantile-Safe Deposit & Trust Company	100.00
Mrs. Bernice H. Shorter	100.00
Mrs. Jeanette Johnson & Ms. Frances Miles	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin	75.00
Mr. Allen Vessells	50.00
Jerusalem Court No. 1 Daughters of Iris	50.00
Mr. Robert Hudnall	50.00
Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. McDaniel	35.00
The Ashburton Association	25.00
Ms. June B. Thorne	25.00
Ms. Llewellyn Walker	25.00
Mr. Earley Kersey	25.00
Ms. Fannette H. Thomas	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Taylor	25.00
Senator Julian L. Lapides	25.00
Rudolph Typewriter Co., Inc.	25.00
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Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines	20.00
Mrs. Alverta Nelson	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson	10.00
Ms. Patricia Nelson	10.00
Ms. Mary K. Pool	10.00
Eva P. Brooks & Linda B. Johnson	10.00
Mission Affiliates and Prayer Advocates	1.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	$3,676.00

Cases

Case #191: I am hoping that you will be able to help me and my children to have a very nice Thanksgiving. I really believe in the old fashioned Thanksgiving with all of the family sitting down to a nice dinner, and being Thankful for all that we have. I am sure that unless I receive some help, I will not be able to supply this type of holiday for my family. Please help.

Case #192: I am the mother of six children. They are 13, 9, 7, 5, 4 and 3 years old. It is so very hard raising children. It seems they are always in need of something. Now with Christmas just around the corner, I don't know just how things are going to be for us. My older children are in need of clothes and my younger children would really like to be able to receive some toys. I would like to be sure that I could provide a nice holiday meal for my babies. Please help us any way that you can.

Case #193: Please help our family. My husband left some time ago. Now my daughter and her two children are living with us because they were not getting any support from her husband. He was unable to find a job. I have six children of my own. They are 19, 15, 14, 12, 11, and 6 years old. My two grandchildren are 1 and 2 years old. I don't see how we will make it through the holiday season. The children need warm clothes and the younger ones would like to have a real Christmas with toys. Please do what you can for my family.

Case #194: I am separated from my husband. My four children and I are supported by the monthly social service check I receive. This helps us with the rent and gas and electric but it rarely goes much further. My children are 9, 4, and 2 years old. My youngest is 5 months. I I do not receive some assistance from you my children will not be able to have the type of Christmas most children have. I am not saying that they should have lots of toys. I just want to be able to give them a nice holiday meal and be able to supply them with warm clothing so that they won't be cold this winter. Please help us.

Case #195: I am receiving a social service check for my five children. The check I receive is hardly able to take care of our rent and other major bills. I often wonder how we make it through an entire month until the next check comes. Please let my children have a merry Christmas by providing a nice Christmas basket for them. A traditional holiday meal makes all of the difference in the world. I would also like to be able to have them receive any clothes you might have.

Case #196: I am presently incarcerated in city jail. My grandparents are raising my two children. I have a daughter who is 1 year old and a son who is 3 months old. My grandfather has been laid off from his job and he has no idea when they will call him back. I don't know what kind of a Christmas it will be for my children unless you help. Please try to see that my children receive some toys. They are so very young. Also, please make sure that my grandparents are added to your list to receive a food basket.

Case #197: I am writing this letter asking for your help during the Christmas holiday. This is suppose to be a joyous time for children. However, it will not be very joyous for my two children. They have seen too much unhappiness already. They are 15, and 13 years old. They don't really think that much about receiving toys, but yet there are so many other things that they need and I am unable to give to them. They could both use warm clothes for school as well as shoes. And we would all feel happier if we were able to have a real Christmas dinner. Please do whatever you can for us.

Case #198: We are again approaching the most beautiful time of the year only, I am not sure that it will be so beautiful for me and my seven children. Four of my children are in school and they could all use warm things to wear. They all need new shoes. We are on social service, which does not allow us to do much more than pay rent. Please assist us in any way possible.

Case #199: I am a 22 year old single mother of one four year old boy. He lost his father some time ago. I am presently working part time hoping to find something else. This year will not be a very good one for us because of financial problems, as well as the lost of our loved one. We need your assistance in every way: clothes, food, toys, every little bit helps. Please do whatever you can for us.

Case #200: I am writing this letter asking you to help me and my family. We are thankful for everything we have. Even though it is not a lot we realize that we are still fortunate. We are on social service and not able to attend to all of our needs all of the time but we do the best we can. Please add us to your list to receive a food basket for the holiday. We would appreciate all of your help.

Case #201: I would like to place my aunt on your list to receive a basket of food during the Christmas holiday. She attends to her brother who is partially blind and uses a wheel chair. It is just the two of them and they are both on fixed monthly incomes. You can not do much these days on fixed incomes. I would like to see to it that they are able to have a nice Christmas dinner, and they won't be able to unless you help. Please do what you can. My uncle is also badly in need of some warm winter clothes. Please help.

Case #202: I have been ill now for over a year. I am unable to work because of a heart condition. I am presently 65 years old. I need your help to assure that I will be able to enjoy a holiday meal. Anything at all that you do for me would be appreciated.

Case #203: Please help me and my two grandchildren to have a good Christmas. Their mother passed away recently and I am all that they have. Unfortunately I am not able to provide for them the way I would like to. Please help us in any way possible.

Case #204: Please help me and my twin boys to have a good Christmas. We really need food and clothing badly, especially the boys. We will appreciate anything that you could do for us.

Case #205: I am a mother of two daughters. They are 13 and 4 years old. We receive food stamps and a check from social service. Neither of which lasts us for an entire month. All too otten we go without a balanced meal. I want to try and make Christmas a little different. Please assist me by adding our family to your list to receive a Christmas food basket. Also, please try to supply a toy or two for my girls. Anything at all would be a great help.

Case #206: I am writing in hopes that you will be able to supply a food basket for my family. There are seven of us. Things look very bleak for us as far as having a good Christmas is concerned. I am hoping that you can add some spark to our holiday with your help.

'Mother of Three Needs Assistance

Case #207: I have three children who have no chance of having a good Christmas without the help of people like you to assist us. Their father is no longer with us and that makes it harder on them and on me. The kids are in need of warm clothes for the winter. With Christmas right around the corner, I would also like to be able to see to it that they have a very good holiday dinner. I want us to be able to at least sit down together and enjoy a very good dinner. This would make a big difference. Please send us a good basket.

Case #208: I request food and clothes for my children for Christmas. My husband and I are separated. However, I don't want the children to have to suffer because of this. I do live on a fixed income now and they realize that mommy isn't able to always give them things they need. My children are 9, 7, and 3 years old. They need warm clothes for school and could use new shoes. Please do whatever you can for them.

Case #209: I am in need of your assistance during the holiday season. I can't seem to make ends meet with the social service check I receive monthly. I have three children and it takes an awful lot to raise them properly. They are 14, 9 and 5 years old. They would like to receive a toy for Christmas and I would like for them to have a decent holiday dinner. Please do what you can for us.

Case #210: My three kids and I need your help. I receive public assistance but after I pay the bills I have nothing left. I would like my children to have a very nice Christmas. They are 9, 3 and 2 years old. Please help.

Mrs. Santa Request Form

Mrs. Santa wants to help you have a Merry Christmas by providing you with food and toys. If you'd like us to help, use the form below and give us your name, address, telephone number, zip code, number and ages of children, and tell us why the family needs help.

If you live in an apartment building, please be sure to state the name of the apartment or housing complex as well as the number of the apartment.

Please do not call our office and ask to be placed on the list of recipients. You must fill out this form and send it to us.

Request Form

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Apartment or Housing Complex:
No. of Children:
Ages:

Mail To:

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