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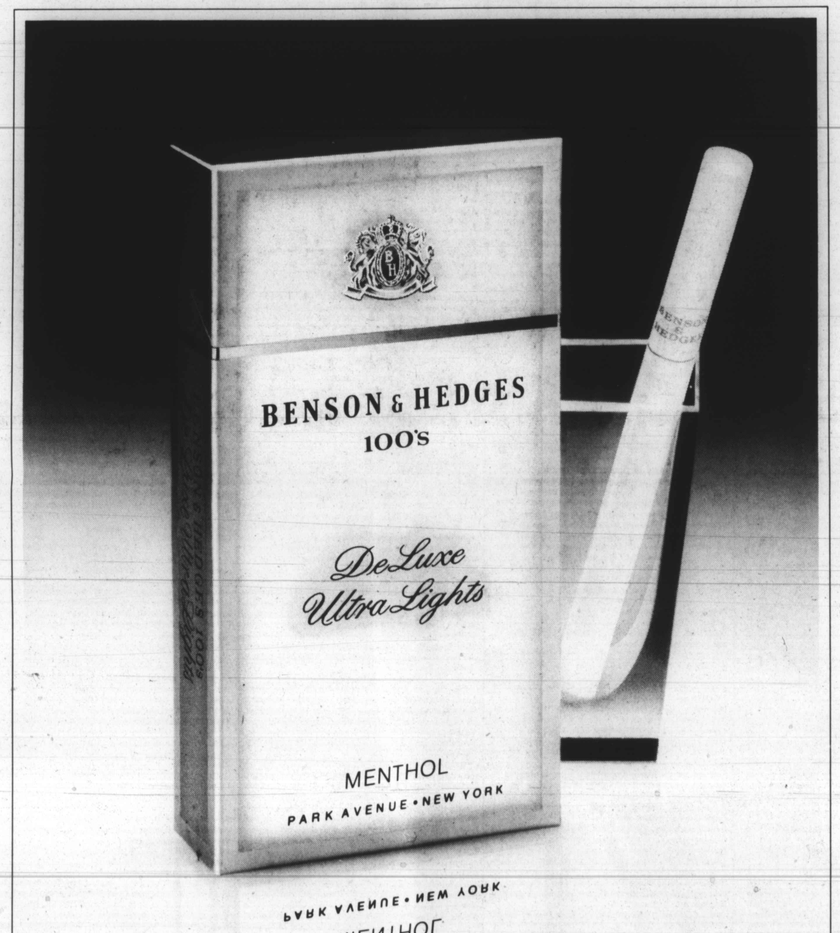

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1986 MRS. SANTA CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Santa's Helpers

By Elyn Garrett

A very large donation of $3,000 this week by the MARYLAND NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC., as well as many other contributions, has caused our fund to jump by leaps and bounds from the last reporting of $17,828 to this week's reporting of $23,916.00!

We received donations on Thursday, December 11, from the **Pastor's Aid of Emmanuel C.C. Church, $50; Mr. and Mrs. James T. Perry, $50; Ms. Marsha B. Fuller $25; Ms. Claudine Harden, $10;** and **Ms. Ruth Crawford, $10.**

Also from the **P.F.C.'S Club, $50; United Nurses of Various Churches, $50;** and the **Women's Auxiliary Frontiers Club of Baltimore, $50.**

We received a donation of $33 from "A GROUP OF FRIENDS" and a note which read, "We do hope that our contributions will help a needy family have a Merry Christmas.

We received a $20 donation from**Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moody; $95** from **John and Camay Murphy, $100** from **Miss Ruth Saulesbury, $100** from the HANLON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., **$30** from **Mr. Avon Richardson, $30** from **Ms. Dorothy Hicks, $20** from **Gladys E. Palmer.**

Ms. Sandra Ellen East sent us a collection of checks from many of her friends which totaled $65. It seems that every year, Ms East holds a birthday party for herself and in lieu of gifts, she asks that her friends make contributions to Mrs. Santa. We would like to thank Ms. East for her unselfishness and her friends for complying with her wishes.

LAMBDA KAPPA MU SORORITY, INC., Iota Chapter, sent us a check for $150 and enclosed a note which read, "Because we believe in what you are doing, here is a contribution to help you in your endeavors. Use this as you deem necessary." Elaine Alexander and Joyce Sturgis are President and Treasurer of the chapter, respectively.

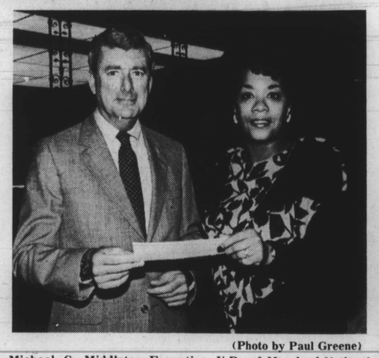
An old friend and Delta Soror of Mrs. Santa Emeritus, Mrs. Ida. M. Peters, stopped by these offices last week to contribute $150 to the fund. She left specific instructions that the donation was to be listed in the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Moses L. Barksdale and Dr. Roland Barksdale Williams. Well, you know we Deltas are, especially when it comes to making "explicit requests," so we have gone all out to assure that Mrs. Anetheia B. Williams' request was followed.

On December 15, we received monies from **Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thompson, $100; James and Isabella Randall, $100; Mr. Virgil Nichols, $50; Ms. Blanche Northern, $65; Col. John L. Lee, Jr., $35;** and **Mr. Charles Nixon, Jr. $25;**.

The CLEVER KI QUE JAYS CLUB, $100, the EMMANUEL CIRCLE OF EMMANUEL C.C. CHURCH, $25, THE PALS, $20 **Mr. Alvester Sanders, $20 Ms. Edith Smith, $20,** and **Ms. Florence Lyles, $10.**

Also, **Mrs. Lucille W. Gibson, $10,** The SML's, $100, HAIR MASTERS $100, THE GENERAL ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES FUND, $1,000 and the **Rev. Claude Lambert, $25.**

We are so very grateful to our many "Mrs. Santa's Helpers," for 'Caring and Sharing.'



(Photo by Paul Greene)

Michael C. Middleton, Executive V.P. of Maryland National Bank is shown presenting a donation of $3,000 to Mrs. Santa Director Bonnie Matthews Butler.

People helping people!

The Charmettes donated $100 to the Mrs. Santa Campaign. Pictured left to right are: Rosamond Diggs; Mrs. Santa Assistant Director Elyn Garrett; Juliette Carpenter and Naomi Hayes.

(Photo by Paris Gray)

The General Electric Employees' Fund contributed $1,000 to this year's campaign. Pictured left to right are: Liz Page, Denis Kail, Elyn Garrett, Diane Stivers, Rosa Arrington and Gary Schneider. Not pictured is Pat Shipley, president of the organization.

Cases

Case #352: I am the grandmother of four: Ages 12, 5, 4, and 2 years old. My daughter doesn't make enough money to support her children. I am hoping you will be able to help me help her with a nice dinner for Christmas. They also are in need of a winter coats. My daughter does not receive Social Service. They cut her off because she was working part-time. So now she can't get them anything in time for Christmas because she has to pay rent for this month. Please do what you can. She doesn't know I am writing for her. Thank you.

'Grandmother Needs Your Help'

Case #353: I am an mother of 6 children and five grandchildren. We all live under the same roof. We are in need of things all the time. It will be really special if I could give them a nice Christmas. I would love it if my grandchilren could get toys and clothes for Christmas. They are four little girls and one boy. Please help us.

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'Mother Looks For Work'

Case #354: I am a single mother of four in need of help. I am presently on Social Services. I have always done my best to provide for my children. I spend most of my time reading the classified ads trying to find a decent job to help get me out of this rut. I always hear "no experience." I have very little money for bus fare so sometimes I use a friend's bus pass. I am not giving up until I find a good job to support us. But until I do, my children need warm clothing for my kids and a food basket. There ages 8, 6, 5, and 3 years old. That would make their Christmas a nice and happy holiday.

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Case #355: I am a 26 year old mother trying my very best to raise two wonderful kids. I live alone and receive $328.00 a month from Social Services and paying $200.00 a month for rent. When I pay Gas & Electric and telephone bills that does not give me and my babies much to go on. Even though it hurts me that I can't give them the things they desperately need I can give them love and this home, so we can have some place to live. I pray to God everyday and night that someone could please help me and my kids. We are in need of food, clothes, shoes, and toys for Christmas. Anything would be amost thankful blessing. Please help us.

Case #356: I am writing you in need of help for my sons' first Christmas. I am a single, unemployed mother who is unable to make his holiday a joyful one, because of certain obligation that must be met first. Please make his Christmas a joyful and happy one. Thank you and we will really appreciate your assistance.

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Lost There Home Because of Fire'

Case #357: I would like for you to help my 5 children and one grandchild. My house caught on fire on July 15, 1986. Now we are staying with my mother but her house is to small. My son was badly burned, 58 percent of his body was burned. Please help me and my children to have a good Christmas. There ages are 4, 9, 11, 13, 1, and a 4 year old grandchild. It will mean a lot to the kids.

'Husband Deserted Family'

Case #358: I have 3 children. One girl age 6 and two boys ages 10, and 9 years old. I have so many bills to pay. I receive Social Services. I don't have money to buy a dinner for Christmas. I will not have money to buy my children gifts and clothes. My husband walked out on us. He didn't want to help me take care of the children. Please help me and my children have a happy Christmas. I will be grateful for anything you can do for us. May God be with you.

Case #359: I am asking that you please do what you can to help my neighbor. She is constantly in and out of hospitals. She is very ill and has nowhere to turn. She has a 15 year old son living with her. He is in need of a winter coat and some shoes. Please do what you can for this family.

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Case #360: We are in desperate need of your help. I have two children ages 12 and 6 and I also have a baby on the way. Things are very difficult for us right now. I don't know sometimes how I will be able to make it another day. I try to provide the best I can for my children. Children always need food and clothes and I never know if I will be able to provide for them from one day to the next. Please help.

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Case #361: I am the mother of four children. Even though we are receiving food stamps, some times we still do not havce enough food. I would like very much for Christmas to be a joyous occasion in our home. I believe that if I could prepare a nice dinner for my four kids, that would be a step in the right direction. Please do what you can for us.

'Senior Citizen Needs Help'

Case #362: I am writing this letter for a senior citizen. She is unable to write in for help because of medical problems she is having. Her income is not enough to provide her with a very special Christmas dinner. Most of her money must be spent on medical bills and medication for her health. Please help her to have a nice dinner.

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Case #363: I have a 12-year-old son and we are in need of your assistance. I will not have any means of providing a happy holiday for him. We are always behind in bills and things and I would like to be able to provide a nice dinner for him but I am afraid that whatever money we will have to go towards a bill. It is an awful feeling for a mother to not be able to provide for her child. Please help.

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Case #364: I am the mother of two children. They are 3 and 5 years old. I am asking the you supply us with food and some toys for the Christmas holiday. We receive a check from Social Service. This is our only source of income. My children need clothes and food and the check I receive never covers all of our needs. I am hoping that the holiday season will be different and that we will not have to go without things like we normally do.

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Case #365: I am a 16-year-old girl with three brothers and three sisters. They are ages 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, and 19. I want more than anything else for Christmas to be special for them. We are all in need of winter clothes and shoes. Please try to help my mother to provide somes of the things that her family needs so badly. Anything at all that you can do will be appreciated.

'A Friend Who Cares'

Case No. 367: This family needs help bad. The mother is very sick and withdrawn from life. Her brother just passed, he was the one who really helped the family. The children don't have school clothes. The little she gets from welfare, once she pays rent and gas and electric there is nothing left. They had a home, unfortunately they lost it. So they moved and the house they have now has no heat or hot water. She could really use clothes and furniture. If possible she would like to receive a food basket too. Her children's ages are 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 years old. I know this would brighten the children's Christmas.

Case No. 368: Last year in November my cousin had an operation. Her husband has heart trouble. So he's unable to work. She has one adopted daughter whom she's had since birth, age 14, and 2 grandchildren, ages 2 and 9 months old. Her husband gets a small disability from his old job for three of them. Please help them with a food basket or however you can for Christmas.

Case No. 369: I am a 47 year old mother with 3 teenage children and 2 grandsons. I receive a check each month from Social Service. My uncle lives with us. He receives Social Security. We put bothincomes together and we still don't have enough. We have a large utility bill we have been trying to pay along with rent of $285 a month. The twin girls, 16, need warm coats and shoes. My son 17 needs clothing to stay in school. We would be so grateful for any help with food for Christmas. We would like to make Christmas nice with some toys for the grandsons, ages 2 and 12 years old and any clothing.

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'Husband and Wife Separated'

CAse No. 370: My husband and I are separated. He has been incarcerated for about 13 years now. I have three boys. I will really appreciate it if you could please help us with a basket of food and some warm clothing for my kids to help us have a nice Christmas. I am receiving Social Service which doesn't seem to be enough.

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Case No. 371: I am a mother and grandmother who's only income is Social Services. My 20 year old daughter lives with me and also receives Social Services for her 2 children. I receive food stamps for us all. But by the time we pay rent and gas and electric bill and buy food, both of our checks are gone. I've lived in Baltimore for four years and we have yet to have a Christmas dinner. I haven't been able to buy or get my children or grandchildren anything for Christmas. We haven't had a Christmas tree for four years. So if I could get any help at all with food, clothes, and toys we would be very appreciative.

Case No. 372: I have 2 children and I get a D.S.S. check once a month. After I pay my insurance, rent, and get a little food until stamps come out, plus buy clothes and shoes and little house items the money is gone. I want to know is there anyway that you can help me and my children for Christmas. We will really be grateful for what you could do. My children ages are 2 and 7 years old.

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'Mother Forced To Go Back On Social Service'

Case No. 374: I am the mother of two children, ages 4 and 12 years old. Recently I've been laid off my job and had to turn back to Social Services to support my two children and on top of it all we are being forced to move out of our apartment building where we live because of renovation to the building and by the holiday approaching we have to where to go or no one to turn to. That's why your help will be deeply appreciated.

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'Helping Out Her Daughter'

Case No. 375: I would like something for Christmas for my 11 year old granddaughter. Her mother is in the hospital for alcohol and drug abuse and I am keeping the child until her mother comes from the hospital. I have to live on this small Social Security check and I won't have anything to give the child. If there is anything you can do for her I would really appreciate it a lot. I don't know when her mother will be getting out of the hospital.

Case No. 376: I am unemployed and I am now receiving Social Service benefits. My grant barely gets me by from month to month. I would like my child to have a nice Christmas. I am unable to provide this for her. So if possible please put our names on your list and help make her Christmas a joyful one. My daughter is 8 years old.

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Case No. 377: I have been working up until the month of October and then I was laid off. Because I am working I cannot receive all the benefits that Social Services has to offer. I have found a part time position but the money that they pay me is only enough for me to keep the bills from piling up. I really could use some help getting through this holiday season. My children's ages are 3 and 2.

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'Parents Wants To Get Off Of Social Services'

Case No. 378: I am a single mother of three children and I am not asking for a hand out, but a helping hand. I stand in need of a job or job training. I need a job so that I can get off of Social Service and provide for my family not only for Christmas, but for everyday throughout the year. I have been everywhere filling out applications. If there is anything you or your helpers could do to help me help myself, I would very much appreciate it. It would be the best possible gift for Christmas me and my children could have. My children's ages are 8, 9, and 16 years old.

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Case No. 379: I am presently incarcerated and I would like for my granddaughters to gt a food basket and some warm clothing. My daughter is not working and she receives Social Service. Only, after paying bills, there is not enough money left. My granddaughters are 2 and 8 years old. They also need toys for Christmas. It will be greatly appreciated if someone helps this family.

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Case No. 380: I am in need of a basket for me and my grandson. I am living on a small disability check. I need help badly. I live alone. I am 67 years old and my grandson is 14 years old. My grandson visits me during the holiday.

Case No. 381: I have 5 children and we will not have much this Christmas. I don't write to you every year because sometimes things are a little better than others. But this year we do need your help. Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated. My boys are 17, 12, 11, and 10 years old. My daughter is 9 years old.

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