

# 2017 Hope for the Holidays



## Who are the families you are helping?

Here are snapshots of some families that you will be touching this holiday season through your generosity.

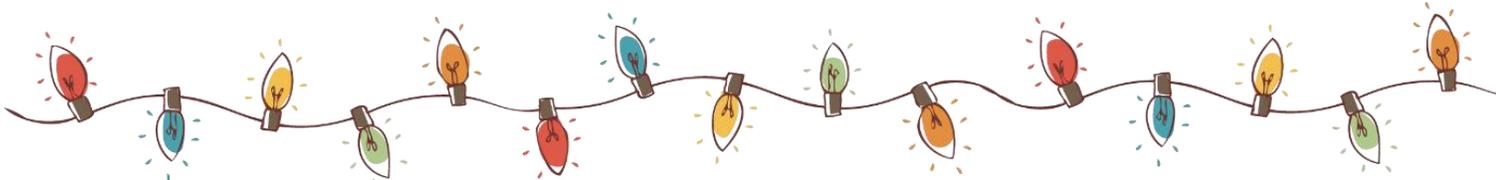
### ***“Christmas is always very hard...”***

“Christmas is always very hard for us to get gifts for everyone. Our daughter is most important and if no one else gets a gift, I want to at least offer her a wonderful Christmas. I thank you and appreciate your help and time.” - *Joanie*



### ***“I could really use your help...”***

“I am a single mom, with no job. I am having a very hard time paying bills. I may not have a Christmas this year for my son who has special needs with major problems. I could really use your help this year. I just don't have the extra funds to buy gifts for my son or family.” - *Kerry*



### ***“Hard times don't have to mean sad times.”***

“I remind my children that hard times don't have to mean sad times. I tell them to be grateful for each other. We have a roof over our heads and thanks to Manna, food on the table. This program for the holidays opens up the opportunity for them to enjoy receiving the things they need and even a few wants – it makes them smile. My family will be appreciative for whatever assistance – it will bring smiles and sunshine into our home this holiday season.” – *Darlene*

### ***“You are a life saver.”***

“Both my husband and I are college grads. We have worked hard all our lives. However due to unforeseen circumstances, my husband lost his job leaving me as the sole provider. After he was unemployed for a year, I got into a bad accident and broke my neck. My employer let me go. We moved to the North Penn area and quickly found Manna. They have been a life saver. I feel as though my family has struggled so much and despite working and trying to make ends meet, it has been extremely difficult. Any additional help would be great for the holiday season.” – *Jackie*