

I hope this email finds everyone doing great. I wanted to share some good news about our families we are helping again this year. Kim Hayes, AGSM, contacted me with the news that one of their donors wanted to help some Vets. She asked me who needed something or wanted something that would make them happy. The donor's name is Fred. THANK YOU FRED!

Here are the details.

Our "C Family": They are thrilled that we are helping them again this year for Christmas. When I asked if there was anything they needed right now, Mr. C stated that since nothing came immediately to mind, they must not and he was sure someone else needed something more than they did. He also reminded me that he wants to bring his boys to a pack. So amazing this is what are program is about is getting families back on their feet so that they become self-reliant.

Our "E Family": Was very grateful as well. When I asked if they needed anything she told me that the Christmas yard blow-up decoration we bought them a few years ago was destroyed in the storm. She said "R:"(8yrs old) would really like a Grinch and Max blow up. The AGSM's want to take care of this since it made Kim smile! Such a humble request!

Our "S Family": Also grateful, almost to tears. Mr. S asked for some school clothes for his boys, which I ordered. They may be losing their housing as the landlord has not renewed their lease that is up December 1. My guess is that since the duplex was totally redone because of flooding, he thinks he can get more money now that it is actually livable.

The "W Family": Such a sweet and grateful man. They are struggling with making rent. I offered to send them some grocery gift cards to free up the cash for rent. We are also connecting his oldest daughter with the PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization) for scholarship money as she is a senior and wants to attend college if they can cover what his benefits do not. The PEO have already awarded scholarships to 2 of our girls.

The "D Family": They are struggling. He is thrilled we will take care of his kids for Christmas. When I asked what he needed, he said he has been looking for a used refrigerator because their freezer is not working. He also told me that he is looking for work because while his benefits cover his mortgage and utilities, it leaves very little for food and insurance. He was working over the summer as a truck driver but they didn't pay him properly. Fred is donating \$5,000.00 to help this family. He is sending the check to us and wants us to buy them a new fridge and pay 2 months of his mortgage! Such a blessing

The "MC" Family: Mr. R is having a very hard time both financially and mentally. Her car was totaled and she had a loan on it that is more than the insurance paid. She does work but because of that, her food stamps were cut in half. She also is month to month with her landlord and she thinks she will be asked to leave in December. We talked about a Habitat Home and she has looked into it but will only live here until her youngest is out of Highschool. He is a freshman this year. She is revisiting after speaking to me and I think she may commit to doing it with our help. I would like to find her a car and spoke to Kim who happens to know someone who can help, a mechanic! She also thinks Fred will help with a donation!

She has also asked for help with her PTSD and I have referred her to Home Base Florida which is an amazing organization I recently discovered and connected with. The director will reach out to her.

That's my great day!

Love to all,

Jonette