

The best gifts are impossible to wrap.

Christmas 2010

Dear Friends,

Our faith tradition enables us to offer help to people in need in a unique and compassionate way. And that is why this Christmas, we encourage you to give a gift that is impossible to wrap: a gift of hope.

By making a gift to Catholic Charities in a loved one's name this Christmas, you will provide essential services for our friends and neighbors who are struggling. Food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance, counseling and support to return to self-sufficiency are gifts that we can all feel good about giving and receiving.

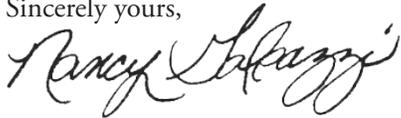
Here are just a few of the many ways your gift will keep on giving long after it is opened:

- \$25 provides a family of four with a five-day emergency food box
- \$38 provides one night of shelter at our emergency homeless shelter for families
- \$72 provides a one-month bus pass for a refugee mother and her child during the cold winter months
- \$100 provides emergency rental assistance for a family struggling to buy medicine or pay rent
- \$500 provides rental assistance for a refugee family from a war-torn country coming to the US to start a new life

During this magical yet busy time, we hope that you are able to find several quiet moments to reflect on the true meaning of the season and to be extra mindful of our friends and neighbors who are struggling. So many of you have already been doing this throughout the entire year and we thank you for your generosity! Because of supporters like you, Catholic Charities' services are reaching more people than ever.

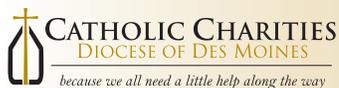
Thank you for your generosity and support. Have a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,



Nancy Galeazzi
Executive Director, Catholic Charities

*Yes! I want to help people in
Southwest Iowa with my gift of:*



Gift of Hope

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other (\$ _____)

_____ My gift is enclosed. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities

_____ Automatically debit my checking account (*include a voided check*)

Please withdraw _____ on the 20th of each month for _____ months.

_____ Please bill my credit card: American Express Mastercard Visa

account # _____ exp. _____ / _____

signature _____ date _____

Make your donation online today! Just go to
www.CatholicCharitiesDM.org and click on the Donate button.

- I would like to receive information about including Catholic Charities in my will or making a planned gift.
- I would like to receive more information on volunteering opportunities at Catholic Charities.
- Please remove my name from your mailing list