December 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

I trust this letter finds you and yours well. First, let me report that our 30th Anniversary Concert and Celebration was a great success thanks to you, our supporters, volunteers, and friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your participation, as every effort is greatly appreciated and needed. We also hope you enjoyed the special edition of The Hope For The Future newsletter featuring 30 years of service to the poor of New York. We tried to pack as many pictures as possible into that issue, but still there are many we couldn’t put in, due to lack of space. For all of our unsung heroes we are truly thankful beyond words.

As I write this we at Hope for the Future Ministries are in full swing of Christmas preparations. Every year we approach this season, we act surprised on how fast the year went by. The older I get the faster the year goes it seems! But here we are … and we are in need of toys for the children we serve, as well as scarves, hats, gloves, socks, and coats to give to the homeless, the single moms and working poor. Each year we not only distribute hot meals to the homeless, but a bag of gifts for each child. For many who attend Church Without Walls, this is the only Christmas they will experience. The toys received from us will be the only gifts the parents will be able to give their children in many instances.

We are asking our supporters to support a child or a family for the holiday. The utter joy and anticipation seen on the faces of the children when they are handed their presents makes it well worth the effort put into Christmas at HHTF. Your gift of support can make the difference for a child’s memory of the Christmas Holiday. Enclosed is a flyer with all the details on how you can help.

I heard a preacher tell an adorable story of a little girl that was so happy one Christmas day. She got everything she wanted. Her favorite cousins came. They played with the new toys. They played her favorite games. She ate all day long her favorite holiday food. When her mother was tucking her into bed that evening she smiled and said, "Mom, I sure hope Mary and Joseph have another baby next year!"

Of course along with the gifts and clothing the greatest gift given is the gift of Jesus Himself. We stress that Jesus is the reason for the season, always, giving the gospel message of hope and salvation in Christ. We can’t even fathom handing a child a gift and that child not opening it. Yet how many in this world have done that very thing with God the Father. How many times have we left God’s Christmas gift unopened? Do you know when Christmas really happens for you and me? It happens that moment when we open up our hearts and receive God’s Christmas Gift that was given to us two-thousand years ago. It is when you turn your heart into a manger and you allow Jesus to be born anew into your life. My prayer is that you and yours will have a Christmas filled with the joy of God’s greatest gift opened and received. May God richly bless you and yours, and thank you once again for your faithful support.

With Sincere Appreciation and Grateful Heart,

Pastor Diane Dunne
Hope For The Future Ministries will be taking God’s love to thousands of New York’s poor & homeless again this year. Your gift of $30.00 will bless someone in need...$120.00 will bless an entire family. Won’t you make this Christmas special for others who cannot help themselves?

Enclosed, please find my contribution in the amount of:

(please check one)

□ $30.00 will bring joy to one child  □ $60.00 will bless two children

□ $90.00 - three children  □ $120.00 - a family of four or more

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