



HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

Bless those in need.

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Please email the committee with questions at givingtree@holyfamily.com.

Each family that Holy Family's Giving Tree serves has a unique story to tell. We are blessed to serve them in their time of need, helping these families to have a better Christmas. Here are a few of those stories.

FAMILY # 17

Last year this family lost their home in Hurricane Harvey. Additionally, the husband lost his job. Although they received many donations at that time, they have recently had to file for bankruptcy. The wife is afraid that their washer/dryer and refrigerator may be repossessed since they are financed and not covered in the bankruptcy. They will find out if this will occur at their hearing on November 27. The family has been referred to Love INC for additional assistance.

FAMILY # 21

This family consists of a 9-year-old boy and 6-year-old girl living with their aunt, grandmother and the aunt's best friend. The aunt is trying to obtain full guardianship as the father is in jail. For over a year, the aunt has been taking care of the children without any assistance. They are requesting as much help as they are able to receive.

FAMILY # 20

The mother recently finished her treatments for breast cancer and her mother just passed away. In addition to her younger children, her adult daughter and granddaughter are living in the house as well. As a giving woman, the mother was fostering a couple of teenage children until she received her breast cancer diagnosis. She does not always feel comfortable asking for help.

FAMILY # 13

This family is made up of a single-mother with three young children and a grandmother. The grandmother, who was laid off a year and a half ago, helps to care for her children while the mother works. The grandmother has cancer. The single mom recently has suffered the loss of her grandmother passing away as well.

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FAMILY # 22

This young couple is expecting their fourth child and has been suffering from severe morning sickness. The family had to move unexpectedly at the end of October and is hoping for a fresh start.

FAMILY # 23

This family consists of a single mother raising three young children. Her 10-year-old boy is autistic and she sometimes misses work to care for him. Her 4-year-old son's father was recently sent to jail for abusing their child. The mother is trying to rebuild their lives.

FAMILY # 14

Two years ago, the mother in this family quit her good-paying job in order to be able to take care of her son. In this time he has made great strides and has been taken off all but one of his medication. She does not regret this sacrifice, even though the family is now living paycheck to paycheck. She said that God has always taken care of them. She is very grateful to Holy Family for helping them out!

FAMILY # 8

This mother and her four children have recently moved in with the grandmother. The mother left her husband, taking only the clothes they were wearing. They are literally starting over and are now saving to move into their own place.

FAMILY # 18

After 20 years in an abusive relationship, this woman was able to leave her husband. She is going back to college to get a nursing degree while working full time. She receives no support from her ex-husband.

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