

NEEDEST FUND GETS \$12,017 IN ONE DAY

Arthur Smadbeck and 'A Friend' Send \$1,000 Each to Help Those in Distress.

TOTAL IN HAND NOW \$35,339

Many Small Gifts Indicate a Wide Response to Appeal for City's Unfortunates.

CASES GET CARE FOR A YEAR

\$225,000 Is Needed to Equal Last Year's Relief, When 345 Families Were Aided.

Contributions of \$12,017.43 increased the total for the neediest cases yesterday to \$35,339.50. Approximately \$225,000 is still needed to reach last year's figure of \$260,995.26, which provided for 345 of the most unfortunate and deserving families of New York City.

A contribution of \$1,000 was received yesterday from Arthur Smadbeck. "A Friend" sent a check for the same amount.

Thirty-five contributions were made in memory of dear ones.

Among yesterday's contributors was a Civil War veteran, who sent \$1 accompanied by the following letter:

Hackensack, N. J., Dec. 7, 1926.

Hundred Neediest Cases:

I am a civil war pensioner, 82 years old; my wife is nearly the same age. We have but little, yet we gladly send this bit, with a prayer for the 100.

Respectfully, A. W. B.

Other contributors included Mr. and Mrs. James Gilbert White, \$400; "W. G. E.," \$313.93; Mrs. Samuel Lord, \$300; Harry Sachs, \$500; William Baird, \$200; Miriam Hostetter, \$200; Mrs. H. H. Nathan, \$150; Miss Caroline K. Lee, \$150.

Several Gifts of \$100.

Among those who gave \$100 were former Ambassador Abram I. Elkus, Thomas N. McCarter, President of the New Jersey Public Service Corporation; Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon Battle, Mrs. O. S. Wightman, Edward Staats Luther, Mrs. E. D. Faulkner, Mary T. Healy, Helen Hostetter, Carl W. Stern, Frank V. Storrs, Jesse L. Eddy, George F. Butterworth, Henry Wohlman, Benjamin D. Traipel, Mrs. Ed. Wynne Litchaw, Nancy W. Zandle, Bennett Benson Sloan, John Orr Young, Robert D. Geswein and E. J. Rickert.

In sending his contribution, Mr. Elkus wrote:

New York, Dec. 7, 1926.

Hundred Neediest Cases:

I take pleasure in enclosing my check for \$100 as my contribution to the Hundred Neediest Cases.

It is a worth-while charity and it reaches cases which would otherwise not be heard of.

Yours very truly, ABRAM I. ELKUS.

Contributions for the neediest cases do not buy toys or luxuries or other temporary enjoyments. They give lasting benefit to afflicted families. They provide shelter, food, clothing and medical attention for at least a year. Nor is that all. The future of the family is constantly kept in mind. In some cases rest and care will enable the breadwinner to resume his responsibilities.

A father who has become crippled, blinded or permanently weakened is taught a trade which he can still follow. Older children are specially trained in trades so that they may help at the earliest date to remove their family from dependence on charity. Sick and run-down children are carefully built up. Plentiful food of the right kind is provided, and mothers and older daughters are taught how to prepare the proper diet. In many cases the future of the family is completely remade. They receive help in solving all their problems from expert advisers connected with the six great charitable organizations.

Like an Answer to Prayer.

To these families this generous assistance comes like the answer to a prayer, the fulfillment of a dream, the unexpected visit of a Santa Claus in whom they had ceased to believe. It is a return to the age of miracles. The assistance comes to the widow and children from unknown friends. It comes without any obligation, without embarrassment or exposure of their sufferings and misfortunes, without any invasion of their privacy. The identity of the families is known only to the societies, and usually only a single worker is in direct contact with a case. As if the skies had opened, some invisible agency meets all the needs of the stricken family. It is a tale of Grimm, or Hans Christian Andersen suddenly come true. It is a wishing ring that works, a Christmas basket that never can be emptied. Every cent contributed to this cause is used, without deductions of any kind, for the purchase of the necessities of life for the neediest families in New York City. Checks should be made payable to the "Hundred Neediest Cases Fund" and may be sent to THE NEW YORK TIMES, Times Square, or to one of the six charitable organizations which are aiding the cases.

"Please accept this little offering to help this good work along," wrote Madeline D. Kennett. "Although it isn't just what I would like to give, I realize that every little bit helps. I've been an interested reader and never realized what dreadful poverty exists in our city."

Messages from Contributors.

The following are passages from other letters accompanying contributions:

Mrs. B. F. B.—No. 31 arouses my particular attention because of that aged mother caring for an invalid son and who shows such fortitude even in her recent accident.

William H. Davidge—It gives me great pleasure to enclose herewith my check for \$50, as a contribution to the neediest cases. The world owes a debt of gratitude for this great work.

Edith L. Jefferson—Please accept the enclosed check with the hope that it is not too small to be of some little help in the splendid work you are doing.

Anonymous—Please find enclosed a small check for the fund. I am always so grateful each year for this work. According to the old Methodist hymn they used to sing at the Urbana, Ohio, camp meeting, "Help us to help each other, Lord, Each other's cross to bear."

The Rev. Dr. George P. Atwater, rector of Grace Church, Brooklyn—Every

Help Is Asked to Reunite Distressed Family of Eight

CASE 13.—A Widow and Her Seven Helpless Children Stranded.

When Thomas Wood died of pneumonia, there was an undertaking bill of \$400 for his widow and seven children to pay and the insurance was only \$150. Bruce, 16, the oldest boy, left school and found employment paying \$14 a week. The mother went to work at home finishing coats. Betty, 10, a beautiful child with great brown eyes, tried to help by pulling out bastings, but she bent too close over her work and jabbed a steel instrument in her eye. A doctor promised to save the child's sight, but insisted on having \$100 in cash. The frantic woman borrowed it. Then it was found necessary, after all, to remove the injured eye. The child now needs an artificial eye, but the poor mother is deep in debt and the small amount that she and Bruce can earn will not even hold the family together. Pleading to stay at home, three of the boys—Harvey, 13; James, 8, and Thomas, 6—were taken away and placed in an institution. Help is asked to reunite the family and see it through its afflictions. Amount needed, \$600.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, 69 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn. (Telephone Triangle 0710.)

right-thinking person in New York ought to rejoice in being able to assist persons whose need is so completely attested by your paper.

W. Alden Nichols, Brielle, N. J.—Please accept enclosed check for Davy in Case 1. I am a little boy, too, and when I hear of Davy I want to do something for him.

Barrows Dunham—I enclose a contribution of \$5 to the Hundred Neediest Cases Fund of 1926. I should wish to have the money devoted to Case 87, which seems to me possibly the neediest of a tragic group.

Anonymous—The call for the Neediest Cases appeals to me tremendously and my hat is off and I stand in salute at the really big work of investigation it must have entailed.

Among the cases whose needs have not been met are the following:

CASE 22.

In a Heartbreaking Home Live a Widow and Her Daughter.

Their home is one dark room in the rear of an old tenement. Their bed is a pile of rags on the floor; their furniture a set of empty boxes. All their household goods were moved to this home on one trip of a pushcart. The mother gets the room rent free and \$8 a month for acting as janitress of the apartment. She goes out by the day to do cleaning, but she has rheumatism and goitre and she cannot earn enough for herself and her nine-year-old daughter Tessie, a thin, lonesome wisp of a girl. Tessie has learned to sew at her school, and she sits on a wooden box mending her own threadbare garments and those of her mother. When the mother is away the child's companion is a gaunt dog, whose eyes also have a heart-breaking look. She tells the dog all that the teacher said, and he regards her with profound attention. Mother and daughter long to have Stanley at home. The mother had to put the boy, who is 12, in an institution a year ago, when her husband was sent to jail. The husband died in prison and the plight of his family was discovered by the Prison Association. Amount needed, \$150.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 7040.)

CASE 98.

Seven Fatherless Children and a Mother Too Ill to Support Them.

One look at Nellie, 12, told the school nurse that something was wrong at home. She had dark circles under her eyes, and her little body was a bundle of skin and bones. It was found that her six sisters and brothers were equally gaunt and pathetic. Their father had just died of heart disease after a long illness, during which the savings melted away. The mother was worn out trying to care for the invalid and the six children and to earn an income by sewing on buttons. They were in three rooms, two of which had no windows. Tommy, 15, has been under treatment for tuberculosis and is now attending the boat school. Nellie has asthma. The mother has a weak heart and needs rest. Contributions are asked to keep the mother and her children from being parted. Amount needed, \$720.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Charity Organization Society, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 4060.)

CASE 46.

Two Child Breadwinners and Six Mouths That Must Be Fed.

It was a cold day. The visitor found the mother and five of her six children wearing their overcoats, huddling about their tiny oil stove and shivering. The \$500 insurance left by the father was gone, most of it paying doctors' bills and funeral expenses. In the time that the mother had after caring for her little ones she worked feverishly, but she had been able to earn only \$2 to \$5 a week. Dorothy, 17, had left day school and was working in a factory for \$13 a week, while attending a night trade school. Julia, 16, is now earning \$10 a week as an errand girl. The younger children are Elizabeth, 12; Anna, 8; Robert, 6, and 4-year-old Jimmie, who has a paralyzed foot. They cannot be fed and dressed on the earnings of the two girls. It will be a year or more before the family is independent, and until then it requires aid. Amount needed, \$700.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 7040.)

CASE 100.

A Woman, Widowed by Tuberculosis, May Have to Give Up Her Sons.

The nurse's heart was wrung by the frightened, starved appearance of the mother and two children who called at the hospital to see the dying man. They were winter, their eyes hollowed each time they called. When at last the father died of tuberculosis, the nurse called on the family and they asked the association to help them. Besides undernourishment, the mother was suffering from rheumatism and did not even have a pair of rubber-soled shoes to protect her feet on wet days when she went out as a laundress. The older boy, Albert, 12, did not have a coat. The younger boy, Jimmie, 4, is in need of food and care. The mother is so crippled that she earns very

little, and is in terror lest it should become necessary for the children to go to institutions. Amount needed, \$680.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 7040.)

CASE 38.

Want May Separate This Mother and Her 8-Year-Old Daughter.

Mrs. Calder and her 8-year-old daughter, Virginia, live in a single room furnished with only a bed and a chair. They are allowed to cook on the kitchen stove of a family downstairs. Mrs. Calder has a weak heart. She supports herself and Virginia by fashioning tassels, lamp shades and silk flowers at home. They go to bed early to save light, and they eat almost nothing. The mother's heart condition makes it steadily more difficult for her to work at all. It has been suggested that she may have to give up Virginia, who is her only comfort and all that she lives for. "I can't give her up," says the mother. "I will work harder." But unless outside help comes the two must part. Amount needed, \$500.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the State Charities Aid Association, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 1454.)

CASE 79.

Two Aged Sisters, Ill and Helpless, Fear They Will Be Separated.

Ellen, 63, and Harriet, 61, were both lying on cots in their single room. Ellen is suffering from cancer. Harriet is recovering from a broken jaw, a crushed leg and other injuries. Returning from the cigar factory where she works, she was knocked down by an automobile, which sped away. Their savings soon became exhausted. When an appeal for help was made they were living on crackers, tea and soup sent in by neighbors almost as poor as they. Both women have dwelt all their lives in the neighborhood where their grandparents settled nearly a century ago. They cannot bear the thought of being separated and entreat to be allowed to remain together as long as they live. Amount needed, \$450.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Catholic Charities, 477 Madison Avenue. (Telephone Plaza 0545.)

CASE 98.

Hungry and Afraid Are These Five Children and a Deserted Mother.

The mother and her five children were crowded in two corner rooms within a few feet of which the elevated trains thunder around a curve. The father had deserted them. They were all hungry, alarmed, bewildered. The mother could not earn a living for them. Neighbors said the children would have to be placed in institutions, and this threw the devoted mother and her affectionate children into a state of heartbroken anxiety. The children are Winifred, 12; Alice, 10; Virginia, 6; Fred, 8, and Charles, 3. A church worker discovered their plight and appealed for help. The family must be aided until the mother can take the father's place. Amount needed \$1,140.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Charity Organization Society, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 4060.)

CASE 50.

Two Little Boys Whose Parents Ran Away From Them.

They were two thin, white-faced little boys, frightened and crying. Emil was a mite of 6 years with blond hair and blue eyes. Don, 5 years old, was just like him, only smaller. They were alone in the world. Their father had run off; then their mother had deserted them. "Why didn't mother want us?" asked Emil, when he finally got up courage to inquire about what was happening to him and his brother. The social worker could not give a satisfactory answer. Don stuttered, but after several trials he asked,

"Where did father go?" There was no answer to that, either. Both children must have prolonged treatment and care. Amount needed, \$600.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the State Charities Aid Association, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 1454.)

CASE 4.

Want Comes to Widow and Four Children Living on the Wastes.

The four Drake children and their mother live in a shack on the edge of the city dump on Barron Island. The wind whistles through the holes in the roof, and rain drips on the rough board floor. In winter the cold comes in through walls and roof faster than the heat comes out of the kitchen stove, fed with driftwood which the children gather. They had sufficient food in the summer, thanks to the clams which which the children dug, and to the vegetables from their small truck garden. The present is their time of trial. Their plight was discovered by the lone policeman who patrols the wastes of Barron Island. He had heard that Bill Drake's family had been in want since his death. Bill had earned a meager livelihood for them by stripping hides from dead animals that were thrown on the island. Three of the children tramp a great distance to school. They are Harvey, 11, who is in 4A; Joseph, 7, in 3A, and Charles, 6, in kindergarten. The fourth child, Frederick, is only 4. To give these little ones a chance in life, help is asked. Amount needed, \$1,050.

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CASE 28.

Pneumonia Takes the Father, and a Mother and Four Are Penniless.

Leo's school report from Class 8A read "Not alert or active, rather listless, but very dependable." His face was wan and he never played or smiled. The reason became known when a neighbor asked for help for the family. The father had died of pneumonia, leaving a widow and four children without money. Leo had not been having enough to eat. He had been getting up before dawn to deliver breakfast rolls for a baker. His mother is too frail and sickly to do any outside work after caring for her four boys. The three others are Walter, 8; Arthur, 6, and Al, 4. The family must be helped. Amount needed, \$1,100.

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CASE 14.

A Waif Deserted by Her Parents in the Shanties.

The family lived in one room in a shanty. Helen never had a toy—nor even enough to eat. Rags were her only clothes and at times she was nearly frozen. Her sister died of the cold. Then, one day, her father and mother left Helen with strangers without saying good-bye. Her second home was a shanty where traffic in whisky went on. She spent nights of terror because of the shouting and the fighting. At last she was rescued, and, for the first time in her life, she is receiving good care and training. In spite of her tragic childhood she is a promising child, now 6 years old. She has a speech defect that must be corrected. Help is needed to continue her under the care of a good mother who boards her. Amount needed, \$400.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the State Charities Aid Association, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 1454.)

CASE 32.

A Sick Baby of 2, Abandoned and in Need of Building Up.

Bert, an abandoned baby of 2, has had influenza, hernia, rheumatism, an operation for a crippled leg, heavy colds, trouble with teething, an ade-

noid and tonsil operation and mastoid operations on both ears. He is getting better. He cannot walk yet, but he stands leaning on a stick and waddling a little from side to side. To be saved he must have good care in a boarding home and plenty of milk, cod liver oil and sunshine. Amount needed, \$365.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the State Charities Aid Association, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 1454.)

CASE 52.

The Father Killed in an Accident, the Mother and Two in Want.

Ethel, 11, still wakes up screaming at night from the memory of the time her father was brought home dead. He was killed and terribly mutilated by a train on his way home from work. No one saw the accident, and there was no basis for a claim for compensation. A mother and two children were left penniless. Visitors found the home a good one for children to be reared in. It had a devoted and capable mother, who cooks, washes, irons, cleans and sews for her children and sits up until after midnight working on ribbon ornaments. But she earns less than \$5 a week. She must have help if the children are to remain with her. Amount needed, \$725.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 7040.)