

# NEW YORK'S 100 NEEDIEST CASES

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL APPEAL

## 10,500 PERSONS HELPED BY FUND FOR NEEDIEST

The New York Times made its first Christmas appeal for the Hundred Neediest Cases in 1912. This is the fifteenth year. The fund has grown almost ninety-fold in that period.

The appeal is made each year for the "Hundred Neediest," but for the past ten years contributions have been so generous that many more than 200 cases have been provided for each year. Last year 11,340 persons contributed enough to relieve 345 cases, each of which received, on the average, \$756.

Since the first appeal was made over 2,600 cases—10,500 individuals—have been saved from tragedy. Here is the record for fourteen years:

1912...\$3,630.88	1919...\$106,967.14
1913.... 9,646.36	1920....111,126.00
1914....15,032.46	1921....125,011.10
1915....31,819.92	1922....157,421.08
1916....55,792.45	1923....177,683.67
1917.... 62,103.47	1924....233,524.89
1918.... 81,097.57	1925....260,998.26

THE fifteenth annual appeal for The Hundred Neediest Cases is made today. These are the hundred which, above all others in the city, are in want; these are the first call on charity.

No reader should pass by the stories told on this and the following pages. Here he will learn how others suffer and here he will find the opportunity of helping them.

For those who live in comfort and in health—for all who are not stricken as are the neediest—there is a summons in these stories. They are the tales of people to whom misfortune has come through no fault of their own, and no one can read of them without thinking "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Contributions to these neediest mean as much to those who give as to those who receive. For these are voluntary offerings and to each one that helps there comes the thrill of having assisted a needy fellow-man. That thrill is best told in the words of a contributor to the 1925 fund, who wrote:

I want to extend my sincere thanks for this wonderful opportunity to make a mite like mine a part of such a glorious whole. This work, carried on so successfully year after year, makes the whole world seem such a friendly place and with a glowing heart of its own.

The fund for the Hundred Neediest is unique. From the lists submitted by six great charitable organizations, there have been selected, after careful investigation, the hundred cases that are in greatest want. To these neediest go one hundred cents of every dollar collected, without any deduction of any kind.

Fourteen times before the call has gone out and has been heeded. The response to the appeal this year must be as quick and as full, if suffering is to be relieved and the needy helped back to self-support.

No mendicants' tales are these. They are the stories of victims of the breaks of life, who cannot of their own strength lift themselves out of their trouble. Throughout the appeal, as at all times, their privacy is safeguarded.

Since the first appeal for the Hundred Neediest, in 1912, the readers of THE TIMES have written a shining chapter in the history of giving. From \$3,630.88 in that first year, the fund by 1925 had grown almost ninety-fold. The total of contributions last Christmastide was \$260,998.26, and the first hundred cases, and 245 in addition, affecting 1,471 individuals, received help.

Contributions to these cases bring more than temporary relief. They will provide care not for a day or a month but for the coming year; they will lift those who have fallen and guide them back to self-support. The amount asked is the estimated cost of tiding over the period of distress for those in want.

Many readers contribute year after year. Two contributions are made annually in accordance with wills left by old contributors. The second generation, sometimes the third, has taken up the custom of giving to the Neediest. Last year there were several hundred contributions "in memory" of dear ones.

No personal solicitation for funds is authorized. The only appeal made is in the publication of the stories themselves.

Checks should be made payable to the "Hundred Neediest Cases Fund." Contributions may be sent to THE NEW YORK TIMES, Times Square, or to any of the organizations listed on this page.



"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT."

This Picture Is Given by Haskell Coffin as His Contribution to The Hundred Neediest Cases.

## EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN GOES TO THE NEEDIEST

Six charity organizations of New York City administer the Hundred Neediest Cases Fund. They are:

The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor  
105 East Twenty-second Street.

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The State Charities Aid Association  
105 East Twenty-second Street.

The Brooklyn Bureau of Charities  
60 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

The Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies  
114 Fifth Avenue.

The Catholic Charities  
477 Madison Avenue.

The New York Times and these organizations administer the funds free of cost. There is no overhead of any kind, administrative or executive. Every dollar contributed goes to the Neediest.

Make checks payable to "Hundred Neediest Cases Fund" and mail to The New York Times, Times Square, or to the organization presenting the case.

Contributions to the Hundred Neediest Cases are exempt under the law from the Federal and State income taxes.

### CASE 1.

A Melancholy Boy of 6, Deserted by His Parents and Now Homeless.

Davy is the most melancholy little boy of 6 that one could imagine. He has been ill again and again and has always felt that he was unwanted. His brown eyes look distressed and he has no zest for life. The world has been a hard place for him ever since his father deserted the family and his mother was removed to an institution. He is afraid of people—he lives in a dreary, lonely world of his own and cannot seem to be cheered. Months of care in a boarding home are needed to build up Davy and make life happy enough for him to bring forth his smiles. Then he can be offered to a home for adoption.

Amount needed, \$325.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the State Charities Aid Association, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 1484.)

### CASE 2.

A Great-Grandmother Who Watches Over Two Little Ones Is Injured.

Josie's great-grandmother came to the rescue. Josie was only 2 months old when her father was sent to the hospital suffering from tuberculosis. Her mother was only 19. Although the aged woman was already taking care of one grandchild, Harold, she said, "We'll manage somehow," and she took up the burden. But she had very little. She began to sell chairs and other bits of furniture. Then a heavy blow fell—she stepped on a bit of broken glass, infection set in and her leg had to be amputated. "Lucky it wasn't my arm," she says now, as she demonstrates how skillfully she can get about and even mop the floors from her wheel chair. Harold is at work, earning \$15 a week. Josie's mother took work as a shopgirl until the doctor found that both mother and child were threatened with tuberculosis and that the mother required rest to build her up. With help this brave household can be tided over its difficulties.

Amount needed, \$1,080.

Case attested and administered free of cost by the Charity Organization Society, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 4066.)

### CASE 3.

A Girl of 15 Who Earns for Six and Now Must Have Rest.

School teachers, observing that the Carroll children looked pale and hungry, reported the case. The nurse found the family without food and Mrs. Carroll with only \$2. "But it is all we have in the world, and I don't dare to spend it," she said. It would be several days before Winifred would get her pay envelope with its \$10. Winifred, 15, is a mail clerk in a great department store. Helen, 11, and Jessie, 8, are the schoolgirls whose condition worried their teachers. The other children are Charlie, 4, and Elsie, 1. A year ago they were a happy family, the father providing comfortably for them. He died suddenly of apoplexy and recently they have met with another blow. Winifred's health has been failing, and the doctor has ordered a long rest for the fifteen-year-old working girl. She is afraid to give up until outside aid for the family is assured.

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 4.

Want Comes to a 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 Barren 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 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 Barren 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





