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St. Teresa of Kolkata

Friends,

Christmas is coming! This year perhaps more than ever before, how I welcome the sense of hope and joy that accompanies this sacred season, rich with traditions meant to draw us closer to Christ and each other.

Children often say they wish every day was Christmas! Perhaps this is why I am drawn to St. Teresa's sentiment, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."

Through your support of Catholic Charities, you help bring God's love to others every day of the year: women facing crisis pregnancies, seniors struggling to pay their bills, families navigating a new homeland, women and children traumatized by abuse, veterans experiencing homelessness, and many others, **including a growing number of individuals and families economically devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

I hope these four stories inspire you as much as they inspire me. I humbly ask for your prayerful consideration in making a year-end gift to help create more happy endings like these. (*You can donate online or see other giving options [here.](#)*)

Wishing you a most blessed Christmas season!

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