



Christian Service TELETHON

Dear Friend of Christian Service:

As the year comes to an end, we look back at the tremendous support offered to relieve the suffering of the victims of natural disasters. The Christian Service Program participated in the relief efforts to help give hope through sharing our resources with our neighbors who lost so much.

Christian Service did not overlook the hungry and homeless in our area. In the 38th year of service, the Christian Service Program continued to provide these basic needs:

- 275 meals a day at the new Hospitality House;
- Shelter for men and women at the Herbert House and Mother Stewart House;
- Family housing to those with low or no incomes through the Samaritan Homes;
- Clothing to men, women and children from individual and church donations;
- Assistance in paying utility bills and medicine to struggling families.

Christian Service will continue with a new look for our annual Christian Service Telethon on *Comcast*, featuring special programming on *City Wide TV*, cable channel 6. The telethon will air from 12:00 noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 7. Special programming will include performances by local church choirs, highlights of prior Telethons, and videos produced by local high school and college students.

As in the past with our friends at *ComCast Cable*, *Comcast* will donate its production facilities, staff, airtime and phone system. One hundred percent of the money raised during the telethon goes to help needy people in the community.

Private donations are the lifeblood of Christian Service. The annual telethon once on *ComCast Cable*, and now continuing through the generosity of the good people at *Comcast*, is the largest fundraiser of the year and has raised more than \$1.3 million since it started.

We now ask for your support with this annual event because poverty and homelessness do not go away. You have shown yourself to be a compassionate and concerned citizen through your support in the past, so we ask you, once again, to make a generous contribution to the annual Christian Service Telethon. There is no greater reward than knowing that you have made a difference in another human being's life.

Sincerely,

Brother Giovanni Reid, O.F.M.
Executive Director, Christian Service

Sincerely,

Father Andre' McGrath, O.F.M.
President, Board of Directors

P.S. You can return your tax-deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope. Please check method of payment. Please indicate on the pledge card if you want your pledge to be read on the air during the telethon or if you want to remain anonymous.