



Ladies of Charity of Saint Matthias Apostle Parish

Lanham, Maryland



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The Giving Tree is at the right side of the Altar and is decorated with paper ornaments indicating special needs for four charities—**The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, So Others Might Eat, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Springfield Hospital Center**

Something about Each Charity

The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart strive to respond to the challenging needs of the Church and our World. For more than twelve decades, the Mission Helpers, a home missionary community of Roman Catholic Sisters, founded in Baltimore, Maryland (Sister Susanne belongs to this order) have touched hearts and changed lives. Ministering to men, women and children on their missions throughout the continental United States, Puerto Rico and Venezuela, the Sisters work to bring God's Word and Love into the lives of the disadvantaged, the economically poor and those in need.

SOME (So Others Might Eat) is a community based organization that help the poor and the homeless in the District of Columbia by providing food, clothing, health care, housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling. Father Horace McKenna, S.J. and an interfaith group of priests, ministers, and lay persons founded SOME in 1970. The first meals were served out of the basement of St. Aloysius Church on North Capitol Street. Due to the volume of clients, the soup kitchen moved to 71 'O' Street, NW. More than 900 meals are served each day by a large network of community volunteers from local churches, synagogues, and civic organizations. Through the years, SOME has evolved into a comprehensive social service agency with a twofold mission: (1) to meet the people's immediate needs and (2) to help them overcome the barriers that keep them homeless and destitute. SOME's aim is to empower the poor by helping them to help themselves.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center provides the Nation's most effective population-based primary and specialty military health care for soldiers, other service members, families and retirees in the National Capital area. It serves as the pre-eminent Federal medical center for worldwide referral care, clinical education and clinical research. Brave men and women injured while serving in wars are returning home and being hospitalized in Walter Reed Army Medical Center before being transported to a hospital at their assigned Army post. Injured, away from home, and separated from their Army units, their needs are many.

Springfield Hospital Center is a psychiatric hospital operated by the State of Maryland, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, located in Sykesville, MD. As a mental health facility, Springfield works together to create outcome-driven partnerships with patients, families, employees, and community networks that promote optimal functioning, enhance personal development, and enable the best quality of care. As a progressive force in the mental health community, Springfield is measurably dedicated to providing safe high quality patient care through its passion for continuous learning and improvement.

REFLECTION

God's Gift to you this Christmas,

Is a present from the heart,

A present that is, So special - it can't be bought,

So priceless - it can't be sold,

Of such quality - it will never let you down,

So rare - it's one of a kind,

So precious - you'll want to share it.

There's only one gift that's all these

It's **JESUS**.

He'll make your life complete

All you have to do is

RECEIVE.

By Joyce C. Lock

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"John.3:16 "