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Rev. Charles Niblick
St. Maria Goretti Church
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Dear Father Niblick,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support for those we serve, and with the Parish's very generous gift of \$10,000 given December 16, 2020. We are grateful for you and the Church's desire to help families and individuals in need. Your gift will help our Lake County neighbors who struggle day-to-day and have lost their income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises.

Neighbors like Evelyn, who has fed her family using the food pantry at The Salvation Army's Hammond-Munster Community Center: *"My husband was exposed to COVID-19 and has pre-existing health conditions. He could no longer work. When we needed food, I visited The Salvation Army's food pantry. Staff and volunteers were friendly and really cared about our situation,"* Evelyn went on to say that The Salvation Army had helped them a few years ago as well, *"We lost our 8-year old grandson and paid for his burial. We were low on money and needed help with our rent. The Salvation Army saved us from being evicted,"* Evelyn said.

Stories like Evelyn's are becoming more common since the beginning of the pandemic. In Lake County Indiana and elsewhere, hard-working men and women who have lost their jobs due to no fault of their own have run out of resources. Banks, landlords and utilities companies are now closing in to collect what is owed to them. Some have lost everything they own... even their hope!

A group hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic are single mothers -- many supporting their families with jobs in the service industries. These hard-working moms were the first to lose their jobs to the pandemic. Many of these families have depended on The Salvation Army for food and Christmas gifts this holiday season. Many have also been assisted with paying their rent and utilities bills. Since the COVID-19 crisis began, The Salvation Army Lake County has experienced more than a 500% increase in the need for emergency assistance.

You help to improve the lives of your neighbors in need when you partner with The Salvation Army. Because of your generosity, you are as responsible for the good work being accomplished as we are! Thank you again!

Feel free to contact Kevin Feldman, Director of Development with any needs or questions you may have at 219.838.1328, or by email at Kevin.Feldman@usc.SalvationArmy.org.

Joyfully Serving Others,

Captain Brian Clark
Lake County Coordinator

Have you remembered The Salvation Army in your Estate Planning?