

# 'tis the season to be **generous!**

Dear Friend of CAIN –

This holiday season, we are asking you to be **EXTRA GENEROUS!** *and give as much as you are able* to help those in need.

You will help children like seven-year-old Cheyenne, whose mom was able to choose a back-to-school backpack at CAIN's Choice Food Pantry. Cheyenne strapped on her new backpack and said that 'since she got her most favorite book bag she's ever seen; her mom said she will be able to get new shoes for school which was good since all she had were sandals.'

This is the challenge faced by many who visit CAIN - forced to choose between purchasing things that are equally important - either shoes or a book bag. Other times, the difficult choice is between buying medicine or paying the rent, or between buying food or diapers.

People are turning to CAIN in record numbers. In these tough economic times, those on limited incomes are hit hardest. This October, we helped 483 households of 1501 people - 704 children, 687 adults and 110 seniors!

After the windstorm, many families were forced to discard spoiled food and turned to CAIN to replace food and meet their needs. Even before the storm, we had the busiest summer in our history! Now, we have over 300 families who have requested Christmas help.

The need is great. **You can provide!** *'Tis the season to be generous!*

**Your generosity** ensures that at the holidays and all year long, families like Cheyenne's will not have to face as many difficult choices and receive support and necessities like food, toilet paper, deodorant, and diapers; financial assistance to keep utilities on or to stay in their home; warm coats and hats and gloves; and bus tokens to get to work and appointments

Most of all, you give hope and encouragement and tangible signs of *God's generosity and goodness!*

I know these are very tough times. I truly appreciate *any* financial gift you can give.

May you and yours grow in faith, hope and love in this blessed season and the coming year!

MiMi Chamberlin Daly, CAIN Executive Director

**P.S. Remember 'Tis the season to be generous! Please send your donation in the enclosed reply envelope by December 15<sup>th</sup>!**

If you prefer, you can make a secure online donation at [www.cainministry.org](http://www.cainministry.org)

*CAIN is a 501(c)3 charitable organization - Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.*

YES, I want to be **generous** and enclose my check payable to CAIN for:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 🎁 air mattress and sheets for household with bed bugs  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 🎁 utilities or rental assistance for **two** families  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 + 🎁 month of "Kids Corner" fun for children whose parents visit pantry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other – *no amount is too small or too large!*

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