

With large gifts, Times Holiday Appeal approaches \$10,000

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Gifts (\$2,500 from the Evslin Family Foundatn Inc., \$250 from an anonymous donor in Ewing and \$175 from Occupational Therapy Consultants Inc. of Somers, along with many other donations from Times readers, have brought the total raised for The Times Holiday Appeal to the Red Cross of Central New Jersey \$9,800.

Infinity Foundation of Princeton, in a challenge to the community, has pledged to match the first \$10,000 raised by the appeal.

In a note, Cynthia Epstein, executive director of Occupational Therapy Con-

sultants Inc., said "We want to take this opportunity to recognize the excellent work done by the American Red Cross. We all know that this year has been very tough for those along the Gulf Coast and can agree that the community in which we live and work is the most precious resource we have. Therefore, it is with pleasure that we make this donation."

Elizabeth and John Williams of Skilman sent a gift of \$100; Sarah Miller of Ewing, \$100 and Peggy and Chuck Noonan of Pennington, \$100.

Anna Patykula of Ewing, \$50; Don and Jean Shiarappa of Hamilton, \$50 with a note, "In memory of our parents, Lena and Rocco Shiarappa and Helen and Ed-



ward Quakenboss. Love is forever"; and Jerry and Vinnie Stout of Bordentown, \$50 with a note, "Please accept the enclosed donation to Meals on Wheels in the name of Charlotte B. Woodward of Trenton."

Pepper and Judi Fleming of Titusville sent \$50 with a note, "The Times Holi-

day Appeal is always a carefully selected group. This donation is in memory of our loved ones. Thank you for continuing this tradition" and Larry and Marie DiCarlo of Hamilton Square, \$50 with a note, "Thank you for the good works on behalf of those who need it most."

Adele Vexler of Lawrenceville, \$25; Jane S. DeLung of Lawrenceville, \$25; Frederick and Nancy Buono of Robbinsville, \$25; Helen Timko of Trenton, \$20; and John and Carol Stinger of Ewing, \$10.

Anonymous donations include \$100 from Hamilton with a note, "In loving memory of Mrs. Edna Fischer Neise"; \$100 from Princeton Junction "In loving memory of Mike B. and Jon"; \$50 from

Plainsboro and \$25 from Hamilton Square "In memory of our parents."

Heartfelt thanks to these benefactors.

The Times deducts no overhead expenses. All money goes directly to the designated nonprofit agency.

To make a donation in support of the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey, please make your check payable to The Times Holiday Appeal and mail or deliver it to: 500 Perry St., Box 847, Trenton, N.J. 08605. To make a donation online, visit www.njredcross.org.

All gifts will be acknowledged. Anonymity, if requested, will be granted.

For more information about the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey, visit the Web site at (www.njredcross.org) or call (609) 951-8550.