

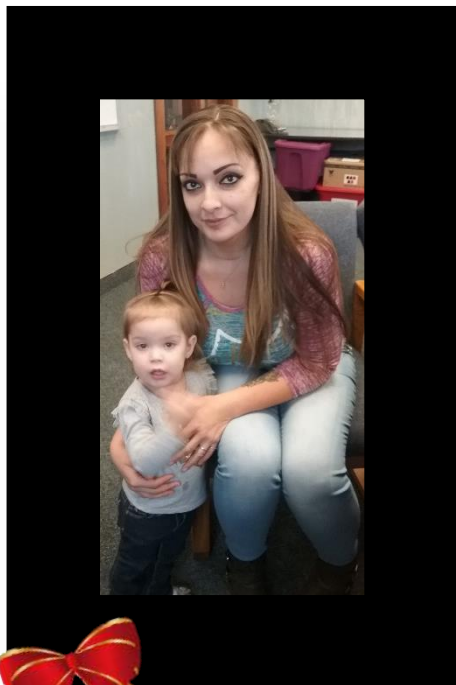
Give the Gift of Hope This Christmas!



Dear Friend,

“Amanda is a single mom working a minimum wage job to make ends meet. **Amanda has three children ages 10, 7 and 2 years old.** She is pictured here with her youngest daughter Aliana. **The children’s father is not in their lives and they won’t receive any help from him.**”

On a scale from 1-10 my stress level is at a 5 knowing my children will have Christmas this year; otherwise it would be at a 15!” Amanda



Amanda shared that she thought about not paying her utility bills so that she may provide Christmas for her children, before she knew she would be receiving help from us this holiday season.

As a single mom, Amanda shared that she works the overnight shift and has to pay a babysitter. When she comes home, she takes her two older children to school and doesn’t get to sleep until her youngest is ready for a nap. It is a hard life but she is willing to sacrifice for her children.

Amanda shared that she struggles the most during the end of the month. Accessing the Holy Cross food pantry during that time will alleviate some of the burden.

Amanda and her three children will experience, along with many other needy families, the Love of Jesus in Action, by receiving: a substantial food box; monthly access to the Holy Cross Food Bank; a prepared Christmas dinner; Christmas gifts; and most importantly, to hear and be able to respond to the real message of Christmas – the birth of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. During the Christmas dinner, Casper Youth for Christ staff and volunteers will collaborate with Child Evangelism Fellowship in ministering the Christmas Story to children “of all ages” that attend. **You are helping families and their children throughout the year when you give to Casper Youth for Christ!**

Casper Youth for Christ (CYFC) ministers to many teens from single family homes. It is because of families like Amanda that I am writing you today. During the Christmas season and into the coming year, Casper Youth for Christ will be working with families like Amanda who are struggling...along with homeless and at-risk youth in our community. Last year, caring individuals like you helped meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of families and youth in our community. During the holidays last year: 178 families; 503 children; 119 young adults and 21 homeless youth were helped. Throughout the year, CYFC served 7,896 meals to youth; and engaged 1,686 youth with the love of Christ. You really make a difference in the lives of struggling families and youth in Natrona County. Please help other families like Amanda’s to have a memorable Christmas by giving to Casper Youth for Christ. Thank you for your donation today!

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas,

Sharon Lockwood, Executive Director

