

An Open Letter to Our Interfaith Friends:

As a mother and grandmother who volunteers with Interfaith, my thoughts at this time of year turn to our children. Winter is coming – are our children warm? Do they have enough to eat? Are they living in a home with a dry roof, enough beds and blankets, heat, electricity, running water? Sometimes – too often – the answer is “No.”

These children and their families need immediate help. Interfaith provides such help through our emergency assistance programs, which include rent and utilities assistance, emergency food boxes, beds and other necessary furniture and household goods distributed through our warehouse, free firewood and partnership with the meals-on-wheels program. Interfaith provides school supplies distributed through school counselors, and soon we will hold our annual food drive that we will give to five area food banks.

I want to thank all who have contributed and are considering a contribution to the Interfaith Service Council this year. Our funds come from local churches and community organizations, and I know that behind these organizations stand hundreds of caring individuals who make charitable giving possible. Without your concern and generosity over the years, there would be no Interfaith.

So, thank you for everything you've done. And please think about Interfaith as we come to the end of 2009. We are many thousands behind our projected funding goals. It's been a hard year – harder for some families than others – hardest for their children, who have done nothing to bring upon themselves such hardship.

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” John 21:17. This is Interfaith's creed. As we near His birthday, my thoughts turn to caring for our little lambs. We mustn't let them down.

Sincerely,

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