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- Winter coats/jackets for men and women
- Warm socks
- Knitted caps
- Blankets
- Gloves
- Thermal and regular underwear
- Comfort kits (soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)

Your generous Christmas donations of clothing and comfort items can be dropped off at the Mission at 2115 Timber Way. Please call to confirm hours of operation: (775) 323-7999. Thank you!

MY CHRISTMAS GIFT

YES, Luis, please use my gift to help bring new life to struggling neighbors this Christmas season. Here is my donation of:

- $21.70 to provide 10 meals and other assistance
- $30.38 to provide 14 meals and other assistance
- $60.76 to provide 28 meals and other assistance
- $......... to provide as many meals and care as possible

Please bill my credit card: (please print)

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