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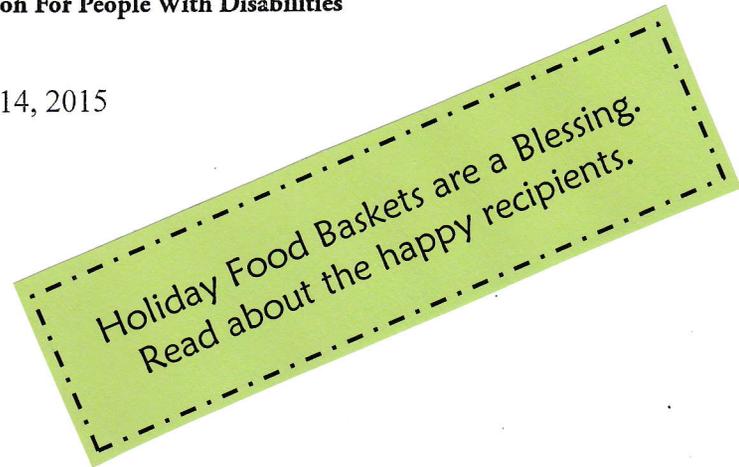
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Dear Sharon:

First of all, I think it has been a while since we expressed our gratitude for the generosity of the members of your church for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets that you have provided for our clients over the years. I am sorry it has taken so long to send these words of thanks. I also thought that the members would like to know something about the recipients of these baskets so I am providing some descriptions to let you know how much these gifts of food are appreciated.

M.S. is a 48 year old single mother who lives with her 13 year old daughter and mother, a senior citizen. She is disabled due to severe anxiety and depression. They are relying on a fixed income and she really struggles financially. She was extremely grateful for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

P.D. is a 52 year old disabled man who struggles with mental illness. He currently is supporting his wife and young son with his Social Security disability benefits and he also works part-time for a local agency that works with the disabled population. Due to their limited household income, the baskets they received were greatly appreciated.

M.R. is a 65 year old woman who lives alone. She has both psychiatric and physical disabilities and her current income is Social Security benefits. She was really excited to receive baskets for the holidays so she could host a family dinner that her disabled adult son and adult daughter were able to attend.

Y.T is a 35 year old single mother with severe mental health symptoms who lives with her 10 year old son who is autistic. Her sole income is her son's SSI benefits and child support. Her food stamps and SSI benefits are constantly being adjusted due to the inconsistent child support payments she receives so the baskets are a tremendous help to her. She tells us how much her son loves getting the baskets because there is always a treat he would otherwise not have gotten (last year it was pancake syrup).