



C Tasca , J Di Leo, and S Maggiore present check to the International Institute



C Tasca, J Gullo, J Di Leo, B Mangano supporting the Independence Foundation's "Christmas Wish Program"



V Scime, J Gullo, B Mangano presenting check to Eileen Nowak, Director of Our Ladies of Charity.

This year, because of the increase in membership and additional contributions to the Christmas Fund, we were able to provide \$4300 to help those less fortunate than us. This is what you did with the \$4300. You gave a \$500 scholarship to a young Italian American boy entering college. The family was struggling to come up with money to purchase books.

- You gave \$500 to an African American family who lost all of their belongings in a fire.
- You gave a check to Our Ladies of Charity to buy Christmas Gifts for

poor children.

- You gave a check to the International Institute to support the needs of recently arrived immigrants from 3rd world countries that were experiencing their first Buffalo winter.
- Recently we became aware of the Independence Foundation, an organization that works to help the physically challenged live independent lives. It was currently attempting to grant some Christmas wishes that go beyond requests for new toys or clothes. We called and asked how we could help. We were told that a ten year old girl suffering with Muscu-

lar Dystrophy needed a shower chair for toileting and a bath lift for bathing. The girl's mom had passed away and she was being raised by the grandmother. You purchased both items.

- There also was fourteen year old girl who is incapacitated by muscular dystrophy. Her mom was having great difficulty getting the girl in the tub. She wished for a bath lift. You purchased it.

It's amazing what \$35 and you can do.

Special thanks to the members who generously contributed to the Christmas Fund