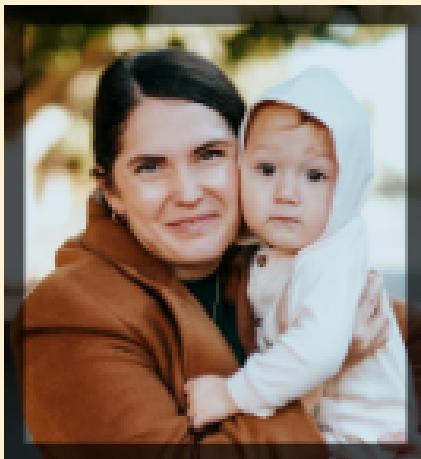


Bringing the  
Light!



*Thank you for your prayerful consideration of almsgiving to Catholic Charities of Idaho; it is a work of charity pleasing to God!*

*(If you've already given, thank you! If not, please take a moment to read this letter.)*

**Help us bring the light of Christ - laden with gifts of support and care - to those in need this Advent season!**

Your donation will mean thousands of Idaho families can receive assistance through the ministry of Catholic Charities of Idaho (CCI) -- services like mental health counseling, housing assistance, care for the refugee, and healing support for the most in need.

**With your generosity, CCI works to lighten the darkness of poverty and uncertainty that troubles many of our fellow Idahoans.**

People like Rosa, who came to Idaho at age 22 and established a full and active life here, only to be abandoned by her husband. She fell into financial and emotional distress. And then came a serious health crisis that threatened her ability to work.

Rosa is now receiving food, housing support, and mental health counseling, and is recovering from her medical emergency. Thanks to support from donors like you, her life continues to brighten, and she feels hope again.

In the heart of Advent, we celebrate the feast of Saint Lucy. Lucy's story illuminates the dark days of our winter with the bright light of Christian love. At an early age Lucy asked her parents if she could share her inheritance with the "poor of Christ."



Tradition tells how Lucy entered dark catacombs with arms filled with food, clothing, and essentials to minister to Christians hiding there — all while wearing a crown of candles, so her hands were free to carry as much as possible.

Here is an ancient story of Christian ministry for our age!

[And you - together with CCI service providers - can illuminate the way. Just like St. Lucy of old!](#)

Your gift will help people like the many young mothers facing uncertainty, who come to our front door to receive diapers for their newborns.

Or the underemployed father who comes to receive warm jackets for his boys.



Or the anguished teen, overwhelmed by bullying and the pressure of social media, who calls to see a counselor and find his self-worth again.

**We are here for them. No one is turned away.**

Your gift of \$25 can go a long way to help with diapers and jackets. \$100 will provide groceries for a family in need, and your contribution of \$500 can provide counseling for a month. We appeal to you to make a gift today.

**No matter how large or small, your contribution WILL change lives. Please help us bring something big and wonderful — Christ's love — to those most in need of it.**

This Advent season, we wish you peace and hopefulness. Christ is born! Glorify Him! St. Lucy, pray for us!



Douglas S. Alles  
Executive Director Catholic Charities of Idaho

**[P.S. Please click here to donate now. We will put your gift to work immediately!](#)**

**[P.P.S. Your witness to Christian charity makes the light and wonder of Christmas a yearlong reality for those in need!](#)**

