

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
OHIO COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: OLIVE BRANCH SERVICES

One case story that exemplifies the fulfillment of the purpose and goals of Olive Branch Services concerns a family we were able to help by providing financial assistance as well as information concerning other services provided by local help agencies. This family of five was struggling financially due to both parents' illnesses. The mother was recuperating from oral cancer, along with radiation treatments and surgery when the father was diagnosed with lung cancer. He had worked regularly in the flooring business, but being ill and unable to work, he was no longer able to provide the basic necessities for his family. Home expenses were mounting daily: groceries, utility bills, car insurance, house payments, etc. A former client of our agency recommended they contact us for help. We were able to help financially with utility bills, and we helped them contact the local food pantry and Help Office. A group of friends have conducted a fundraiser for the family and their church family is involved. We have recently been in contact with the family and are currently monitoring the situation to determine their need for further assistance. We are pleased we have been able to help this struggling family by relieving some of the stress of daily expenses and providing needed assistance at such a critical time in their lives.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 **Olive Branch Services** can:

- Cover the cost of medicines
- Cover the cost of medical equipment
- Cover the cost of gas/lodging expenses due to travel for medical treatment
- Cover insurance co-pay
- Provide personal care items
- Assist in covering the cost of household expenses such as rent, and/or utilities, and food

