

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

“Developmental Disabilities” is a diagnosis used for a person who needs supports in caring for their home or personal needs, managing money, and/or getting around in the community. This could be a person in the autism spectrum, someone with severe cerebral palsy, or a person with a brain or spinal cord injury. There are many individuals here in Baton Rouge who struggle to live as part of our community. These are adults who live on their own – and children and adults who live with their families. Your support will assist them in staying connected to the community in which they live.

Many face extraordinary costs, such as medical supplies or special dietary needs, while living well below poverty level. They often face the challenge of paying for rent, utilities, and groceries on the sole income of an SSI check that may total \$800 per month. Living on such a tight budget, something like a second set of sheets or a warm night gown, is considered a luxury.

If you would like to support these individuals by helping them cover the basics of everyday life please purchase any of the following items:

*Blankets, pillows, bath towels, kitchen towels, hot pot holders, umbrellas, lotion, powder, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, nail file & nail polish, nail polish remover & cotton balls, groceries, dishwashing liquid, clothes detergent, other cleaning supplies.*

**Please place your unwrapped items in the Developmental Disabilities box under the painting of the Mary and baby Jesus any time between Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

