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A SMALL CHILD IN NEED OF HELP

Brother Knights, I have recently received this letter, from a Union Council Member, that truly touched my heart. Please take this opportunity to read about the plight of a two year old child with congenital heart defects.

Dear Mr. Pfarr

Thank you for speaking to me tonight in reference to possibly helping my niece, Stefania Davia, of North Plainfield. I hope that the Executive Board meeting in January will result in some positive action being taken by the Union Chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Enclosed is a photo of Stefania, a happy tow-year old girl who looks quite healthy but unfortunately, is noi. She has rare congenital heart defects, and the time has come to begin having them corrected. January 10, 1991 is the date set for stage one surgery (the first of possibly three), at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. As rare as her problem is, however, the Mayo Clinic has an excellent record of success in treating many patients similar to Stefania. We are all optimistic for her future, as the surgeon states that "she has excellent anatomy for the staged approach, and hopefully, eventual repair of her pulmonary atresia".

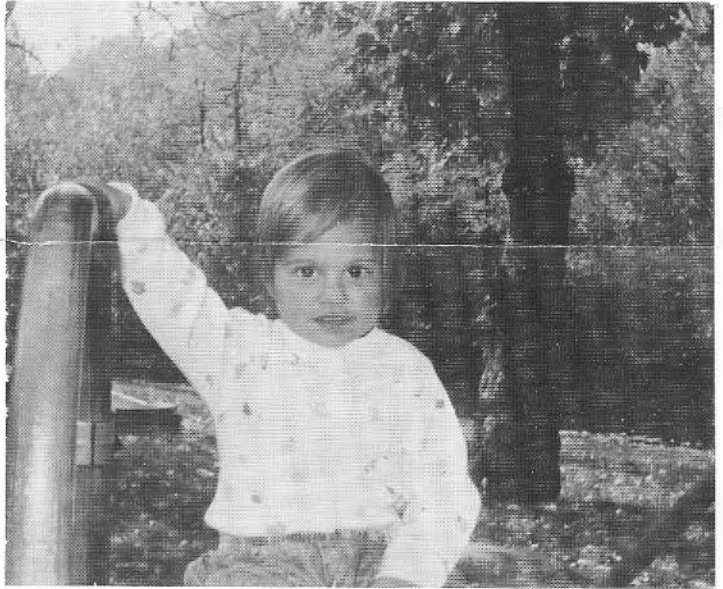
As you can imagine, the medical bills for Stefania's care have already been incredible over the past two years. The first stage of surgery alone will be approximately fifty thousand dollars, not including transportation, parent's lodging, and many miscellaneous expenses. It is fortunate that the Davias are insured, but we all know that medical coverage is no where near complete, and chances for getting out of these debts will be next to impossible. The financial burden placed on this family is surpassed only by their emotional one. We are hoping to reach the "hearts" of as many kind people as possible.

At this time, my relatives may not be fully aware of the financial and emotional stresses that are being placed on them. I feel certain that the Knights of Columbus, which focuses on helping others in need, would be receptive to the idea of assistance to this child. At this time a trust fund has been established to accept donations. The address is:

The Stefania Davia Trust Fund
c/o Joseph Cangelosi
Assistant Vice President
National Community Bank
1 Raritan Plaza
Raritan Center
Edison, New Jersey 08818

Sincerely,

John A. Cathcart



AIRPORT CHAPEL

Fr. Salvatore Malanga has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Garfield. A new Chaplain for the Airport Chapel has been appointed, Rev. David Baratelli.

Please continue your support, of the chapel, by buying Mass Cards.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS, OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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