

and this is almost four times as high as the amount estimated that the United Way affiliated agency programs were serving to that lowest income group. The available ..the availability of government programs, such as ADC and the role of the private charity, their role is to supplement the safety net provided by the government. Private charities don't have the resources and you know that they're not going to have. They're not...their donations aren't going to go up just because the state cuts back. They do not have the money to replace the government assistance. All they can do is supplement. And, quite often, they do have some...they give some transitional help. Another indicator of the difficulty United Way in Omaha feels they would face is increasing fund raising earmarked towards the poor comes from an analysis of our donor designations. In 1994, for the first time, they allowed designations to four targeted areas. One of them was services to family in need, services for socially and economically disadvantaged, and some others. Of those who chose to designate to any of these, only 37 percent chose the areas of the family in need. More of them went for youth and youth at risk and neighborhood services and that kind of thing. So when you look at what these people do, they have...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...they have the Toys For Tots programs. They have all of these things that help people get over the holidays and that kind of thing, but they do not have the money to give them a monthly subsistence check or the help that they need with child care and so on. They have a lot of things that they do to help. Here in Lincoln we have the Matt Talbot Kitchen, who serves meals to the homeless. And I had a woman tell me not long ago...I'm not going to say much this morning because I know you get tired of hearing me say that I feel for those people, but this woman who was a volunteer...the volunteers go out and serve meals at night, they're all volunteers, and she had never, ever been aware of what happens to families, this one woman who told me this, the woman came in with the children, they had a meal and then, in talking to her, she realized and found out they were living in their car. This really hit her strongly. So I do have a lot of people who are beginning to understand and realize there's more to it than meets the eye and there's more to it than these platitudes...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.