

The Time Is Now to Help

“\$60,000 to Help our Local Poverty Stricken”

For the fourth consecutive year Richard Driehaus gave *The Time Is Now to Help* a Matching Grant check, this year \$30,000.

A PERSONAL THANK YOU TO RICHARD DRIEHAUS AND THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS CHARITABLE LEAD ANNUITY TRUST, AND ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS MATCHING GRANT POSSIBLE. Donations ranging from \$1 to \$4,000, and every amount in between, were made this year. Every penny counted towards making this matching grant happen for the benefit of our local poverty stricken. Those who benefited from our joint support were our neighbors in financial despair.

As always, a description of where every penny was spent is being provided below. I thank one and all, for Caring & Sharing. Together we make our communities a better place to live in our Great United States.

Below is a break down, showing where every penny of the \$60,000 was spent, and showing how every penny donated to *The Time Is Now to Help*, 100%, was given to help our local poverty stricken.

THIS IS HOW WE HELPED:

RENT = \$20,586.41

Thanks to our efforts, as neighbors of communities that care, we kept many in their own shelters. We helped many people who had received eviction notices. We stepped in and brought rents up to date. We worked with existing landlords, and we were able to work with landlords to agree to rent allowances.

UTILITIES = Gas: \$12,139.61; Electricity: \$8,381.00; Water/Sewer: \$166.68; Phone: \$750

Together we were able to have heat, gas, and electric utilities turned on for many. Air conditioning can save a life in the hot summer months, especially for seniors and people living with breathing difficulties. During the spring, summer, and fall months, utilities can and have been shut off. Telephones are a necessity for senior citizens living on their own and individuals and families living with illness and handicaps.

FOOD = \$4,800 (\$4,000 at Second Food Harvest buying 22,222 lbs. of food)

I found many empty cupboards and refrigerators. In our great United States, 40 million Americans go to bed hungry every day. Those we found hungry in our communities, we helped to feed, easing their pain and suffering. With the help of our local, wonderful food pantry volunteers, the boy scouts, and our new Food Drop Center at the Lake Geneva Pick N Save, we will continue to help.

TOILETRIES = \$2,000

Thanks to our joint efforts, many individuals have received toilet paper, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels, laundry soap and other everyday necessities. Thank You for **Caring & Sharing**.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$1,000

Pots, pans, dishes, utensils, and small appliances, such as toasters, irons, etc.

BEDDING = \$1383

I found individuals sleeping on old mattresses and old couches. When we returned with new mattresses, box springs, and frames, the children and adults were very thankful to have comfort.

TRANSPORTATION = \$8,793.30 4 Cars and repairs

We are blessed to have the wonderful “Ministry of Mechanics” in our local community. With the care they take in repairing cars, their gracious hearts, and their talented hands to do the labor, we have been able to send many single mothers back on the road. They are now able to get to and from work, and care for daily necessities for their children.

I also want to give a special thank you to those who gave cars. We were able to purchase four (4) vehicles for four (4) single mothers who had been walking and/or riding their bikes to work, even in the tremendous rain storms we had this past summer. Thank you so much. God Bless you.

Total: \$60,000

WHAT YOUR DONATION DOES NOT DO:

As a reminder, your donation does not pay for any overhead, any office supplies, any of our phone bills, etc. Your donation does not pay for salaries, or reimbursements. Not one penny of your donation goes to any of us at *The Time Is Now to Help*. We volunteer our time to investigate individual cases. We pay for our own gas to travel to people’s homes to interview them and learn about their situations.

Every penny you donate, 100%, goes to the poverty stricken for daily necessities of life, food, clothing, utilities (gas, electric & water), shelter, bedding, toiletries, household necessities, vehicles, DMV title transfers and license plates.

Together we were able to make a remarkable difference in all the lives we touched. We were able to change sorrow, pain, shame, suffering, and fear, to: hope, smiles, happy tears, and compassion for our fellow creations of our Lord.

Many hours are spent fighting poverty. We investigate to make sure every penny we give, together, goes to good people in genuine need, not lazy people, not alcoholics, not drug addicts.

I thank all of you for your strength, which you have been giving me in your letters, your kind words, and support to *The Time Is Now to Help*. Together we make a big difference helping our fellow creations of God. I thank you for the prayers when my mother was ill. And I thank you for all the wonderful notes, sympathy cards, and

prayers when I lost my dear mother. I thank all of you for your kindness in **Caring & Sharing** what you have been blessed with.

Please Help by sending your donation to: *The Time Is Now to Help*, PO Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. Please make checks payable to: *The Time Is Now to Help*. You will receive a detailed, tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing exactly what your donation provided for the poverty-stricken. Every penny of your donation will go to the needy for daily necessities of life including: food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, shelter assistance, and household necessities. *The Time Is Now to Help* is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization licensed in the states of Wisconsin and Illinois, making every donation a tax deduction. Thank you for reading our weekly column and sharing it with others. The more we network, the more we can help.

Dear Readers,

This is the fourth year that Richard has graciously presented another matching grant offer to all of us. This allowed our money to go twice as far and enable us to help twice as many people. This means so much to our local poverty stricken neighbors. It also helps us with the many, many requests for help.

No matter how hard I try to catch up with the requests, they continue to come in. Presently, I am investigating a situation with a mother that was beat so badly while pregnant, she had an emergency c-section two months prior to the due date and the baby was born with bruises covering its body. She is now trying to get by as a single mother with a young child to care for. I have another good family with a father that was severely injured in a car accident on the way to work. There is no compensation to help this family through this hard time. They have three children and need help. In addition, there is an elderly widow who has been struggling to keep herself fed and keep her utilities on. The pain of hunger abounds throughout our county and our nation.

The pain of poverty causes so much sorrow, and it is felt painfully in so many ways. The pain of hunger lingers. The fear of utilities being turned off and homelessness is very real to many in our county. Difficult financial decisions have to be made, rent or food, gas for the car or electricity, and there is not enough money. Many are living with the desperate fear of not wanting to let their children down. Small children wonder why they cannot do the things other children do, or have clothes like other children, and food like other families. Together we have helped many in the past. Please **Care & Share**.

Occasionally, our hearts are touched by the glimpses we get of poverty. Sometimes we go through day-today life not having to feel the pain or sorrow of poverty. God has blessed many of us, so we do not have to endure that pain and sorrow. God has provided us with jobs, opportunities, whole healthy physical bodies, and so many other blessings. Then there are others who are put before us, who are hungry, who are suffering, who have handicaps / disabilities, etc... It would be very wrong for us to ignore the needs of our fellow Creations of God, there, before us. Together we

have found people in need, through our watchful neighbors, and from the many reaching out to us, in the desperate letters they have written to *The Time Is Now to Help*.

The Time Is Now to Help cannot ignore the painful needs of our local poverty stricken. These are good people, who have fallen on hard times. It is the children, the elderly, and the handicapped, those who cannot fend for themselves, as well as good Americans who have fallen on hard times that need a helping hand. Please help.

Please continue to network our column, *The Time Is Now to Help*, to others, by emailing, faxing, mailing, and reading the articles to them.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

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Thank You Big Apple Bagels: On Friday, September 14, 2007 Big Apple Bagels donated 10% of ALL SALES to The Time is Now, raising \$130. Thank You.

Golf Outing: Monday, October 8, 2007, Golden States Foods will be hosting a golf outing to raise money for The Time Is Now at the Palmer Course at Geneva National. Corporate Hole Sponsors are needed. Hole prizes are available. Registration begins at noon. Contact Tom Ormsby at 262-472-7460 for more information.

Pick ‘N Save “We Care” Program: Please sign up for the “We Care” program at your local Pick ‘N Save. A percentage of each purchase will go directly to The Time is Now to Help. All you have to do is designate The Time is Now, account number **832410**, on your Advantage Plus Savers Club Card

application, which can be done at the service desk.

Endowments/Helping Others through Your Will: For those of you who wish to leave an endowment for the poverty stricken, we would greatly accept any gifts. Please think of those in desperate need, good people, living in fear of poverty and consider helping them through your will.

Donate Stocks/ Mutual Funds, Let the Government Contribute:
Consider donating shares of appreciated stocks and mutual funds to The Time Is Now to Help and receive twice the benefits from your gift. Please call 262-249-7000 if you would like more information.

Needed Cars: There are those in need of reliable transportation. Please call 262-249-7000.

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