

The Time Is Now to Help

**Caring & Sharing Has Come to the Calling
The MLH \$25,000.00 Matching Grant Has Been Met**

I want to thank everyone for being so responsive. Together in the spirit of “The Time Is Now” we have eased the pain and sorrow of the poverty stricken. We have come to the aid of our fellow creations. We will publicize where every penny of the \$50,000.00 was spent after we finish utilizing these funds. God Bless all of you for Caring & Sharing.

Dear WC,

I have an employee that desperately needs a car. I often noticed this employee having to rest before they even started working for the day. I approached the employee and suggested they get more sleep at night, in order to arrive at work in the morning fresh and ready to go. The employee immediately stood up and said, “Yes, I need to get more rest. I’m sorry.” I told the employee, “Don’t be sorry, this is on your own time since it is not even starting time yet. I just think it is important to be bright eyed and ready to greet the customers.” The employee once again nodded and agreed.

I noticed after this the employee was not sitting down anymore prior to starting time, but did not show up until a few minutes before starting time. I thought the employee took it upon herself to get a little more sleep in the morning. She was still getting to work on time so I was not concerned. Then a few days later I found out that she actually had been sitting outside resting and as the weather got cooler she was resting in the bathroom before work.

I discovered this much needed rest was because she had been walking to work, over four miles each direction. Her car had broken down for the last time and it was irreparable. I felt so ashamed that I was giving constructive criticism about sleep when this woman was exhausted from her walk to work. She is married but her husband needs the car for his long commute to work and due to their varied work schedules he is unable to drive her. Is it possible to look into this to see if she might get help?

A Concerned Co-Worker

Dear Readers,

Everyone's initial thought may be that two people are working, why aren't they able to afford two cars. Many people have two heads of the household and it is very commonplace these days, especially with the lack of well paying job opportunities, two paychecks are necessary. This case was no different.

On my first contact with the family they were surprised and confused that someone was asking if they needed help with transportation. They were not even aware that The Time is Now is available to help not only to provide food, shelter and utility assistance, but other daily necessities, including a used car.

After they realized that there is a group of us willing to help our fellow neighbors in need, they warmly accepted my presence and my questions. As they very honestly disclosed their financial situation, their meager income from two very nominal paying jobs, and their budget, I could see how close to breaking even they were each month. If they had any expenses out of the ordinary, such as doctor visits, medications, glasses, automobile repairs, school extracurricular activities, etc., their budget would fall behind. With no extra expenses, they would fall \$12 behind each month.

I asked how they had been sustaining so far. The father would ask for extra hours at work and the occasional extra income he earned from that would be saved to be used towards any extra expenses. The woman's car that had broken down turned out to be a 1983 American made car with 199,000 miles. When I asked how long the mother had been walking to work, she confessed to over four months. She told me she had to walk or her family would not eat or worse, be evicted for not being able to pay the rent. The husband has a single digit paying job that he commutes to Illinois for. The mother has a job which she loves and after taxes there is just enough money to barely get by.

I had asked the mother how was the walking. She told me that her initial walk the first day she had to stop several times. Since she was not in very good shape, it had taken her much longer than she thought and the first day she was late. Out of embarrassment, she would not tell her manager that she was walking to work. In fact when the manager was telling her to get more sleep to come in bright eyed she was too embarrassed to tell her manager that she had been walking to work. The lady told me that after a period of time the cramps in her legs at work started to subside and also she was able to sleep again, because even the pain in her legs would keep her awake.

The manager finally found out she was walking to work by confronting her one day after a co-worker told the manager they had seen her walking several miles away from work. Being the truthful person she is, she looked down in shame and said she was. The manager asked, "Don't you live in (named the city)?" The employee said, "Yes." The manager could not fathom that walk on a daily basis. The manager told me she walked off rather abruptly leaving the employee rather bewildered. The manager went to her office in tears and felt ashamed over the comments she had made in the past.

The Time is Now, together with a wonderful husband and wife, who have donated over five cars and many other necessities, gave this woman a car. Also, we helped relocate her husband to another job closer to home. It does not pay any higher but the savings in gas and wear and tear on their other car will help their budget.

My friends, the service that all of us combined offer to our fellow creations is a great one. The good that we do in helping these individuals and families regain their pride and regain the ability to sustain their family is so important. The good we do continues to be contagious and others will step up and offer help, too. Please continue to network our column to your friends, your neighbors, your relatives--even if you have to mail it to someone.

The last time I saw this family, the four of them were sitting in the used car they had received. They were very grateful. If you have a used car that you are thinking about trading in, please contact us at The Time is Now (262)249-7000 or write us a letter. Please make sure the car is in good working condition, as the people we give them to can not afford any repairs. If the car needs some small repairs, but is in good shape, we have our wonderful Ministry of Mechanics who volunteer to make small repairs in order to provide these families in need with a reliable, good running car. Every car we receive they graciously review for us. God bless them, and God bless those of you who have donated cars. Please consider sharing the blessings that you have with the less fortunate.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

Please Help: Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. The Time Is Now to Help is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization licensed in the states of Wisconsin and Illinois. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing exactly what every penny of your donation provided

for the poverty stricken.

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Bill McEssy McDonald's Fundraiser: Saturday, December 15, 2007 will be the Bill McEssy McDonald's Fundraiser to help our poverty stricken. Bill is donating every penny of his Gross Sales "All Day" from six of his McDonald's locations. Please plan on visiting one with friends and family, or even go alone, and help us to help others. The six participating McDonald's locations are: Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva Wal-Mart, Delavan, Elkhorn, East Troy and Burlington.

Also, Bill McEssy is donating the first \$10,000.00 to the Walworth County Women and Children Advocacy Program. This is a worthwhile program working to protect our women and children from abuse. If you would also like to contribute to this program please include a note stating where you would like your donation to be applied.

Help Needed: Day care needed for 18 month old child at child's home in Lake Geneva, 3-4 days a week, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Pay rate is negotiable. Please call 249-7000.

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.

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.

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