

The Time Is Now to Help

Support for Women & Children And the MLH Matching Grant Stirs Emotions

Dear Readers,

Together we have matched the \$25,000.00 MLH Matching Grant. We are currently reaching out to help the poverty stricken. The MLH \$25,000 Matching Grant has been sparking people to Care and Share. When you give one dollar for a good cause and it is matched by another, the feeling of Caring and Sharing doubles. I have received many notes and comments with donations thanking the MLH Matching Grant for making the decision to help an easy one. I thank all of you for helping our fellow creations in need.

The response to the article about speaking up for the advocacy and protection of children and women against the abuse of predators has been one of the greatest responses in The Time is Now history. It is nice to see the love and support of our children and women and the understanding that we need to bring attention to this very serious situation. God bless all of you for responding and caring to make a change in the welfare and well being of those who have been victimized and to protect women and children. I also thank all of you for your response in favor of stricter penalties. Together we can make a big difference in having a support center for those who have been violated. This big response shows the victims of these crimes that we are standing up for their rights and we will not tolerate predators' acts of violence upon helpless victims.

I received a request from a neighbor letting me know that a daughter had stepped up to take care of her single mom and her younger brother and sister. Due to an injury to the mother, she was not able to work and it had been three years since the father had passed away. We have to ask ourselves how those who are left behind are getting along. That is what the neighbor wanted me to do.

When I checked into the situation, the neighbor was right. The mother had become temporarily disabled due to a severe injury. She had used up what little savings she had. Her oldest daughter, without having to be asked, stepped in and started working 60 hours a week. When she first looked for a second job, she would not take no for an answer. She kept looking until she found one, knowing that putting food on the table and

keeping the rent paid was on her shoulders.

When I inquired how the bills were, the daughter worriedly replied, “We are trying to hold on but we fell behind and I am trying to catch up.” I asked, “Are you going from month to month?” There was silence. I asked, “Week to week?” As the person looked up into my eyes and tears started to form, I realized they were living moment to moment. We talked some more, and along with the tears came sobbing.

As I have seen many times in the past, when there is a question of survival, when there is no way bills can be paid, when you have done everything possible to cut back on food costs and you are sitting down to have a meal that is barely sustaining, let alone satisfying, when you reach into the mailbox only to find more bills, late notices and disconnection notices, an overwhelming fear sets in. To have it put upon your shoulders at a young age the overwhelming responsibility of helping to feed, clothe and shelter your two younger siblings, to care for your mother, all while trying to catch up on past due bills, is very frightening. It was so painful to watch this daughters love and devotion for her family, her wanting the best for her broken family, praying with a heart full of sadness and also full of much love for her mother and siblings. I felt her pain and I also felt the hopelessness that she had expressed. Their situation had been getting worse over the past several months with threats of eviction, the utilities being behind, a car that would barely run, and the relentless question of what is next with no answer except for fear, doubt and hopelessness.

Thanks to this wonderful neighbor bringing this family to our attention, the same neighbor who has helped them in the past, but has her own financial limitations, we at The Time is Now helped. We brought the utilities up to date, paid the back rent and convinced the landlord to reduce their rent, we helped to set a budget they can adhere to. I reached out to both of the daughter’s employers. One was able to give a 10% raise, the other a 40% raise. Both had nothing but good to say about the employment of this wonderful young lady. Once again, together we removed the pain and suffering of one of our neighbors in need. I have had another visit recently, and they are doing well. Their happiness in life is restored thanks to the Caring and Sharing of all of you.

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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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.

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