

Dear Readers,

We are definitely in the midst of an economic slump, downturn, tightening, whatever you may like to call it. Many fellow Americans are having a hard time. We are overwhelmed with requests for assistance. Paying \$4.00+ a gallon for gas has been another catalyst to propelling many of our area families, which were barely making ends meet before the exploding gas prices, under the poverty line. They come up short on rent, utilities, and/or food costs when they put gas in the car to drive to work.

I recently received a request to check on a neighbor in need. What I found was a single mother and her children living without electricity and they were having a very difficult time with food. Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon occurrence. There are more and more people living without the very basic things in order to pay for the rising fuel costs.

People are in desperate need. Burglaries and shop lifting are increasing. The number one items being shoplifted are diapers and formula. What does that tell you about the state of our nation's families? What are our nation's leaders doing to improve the state of our economy? I have not heard a rally for American's and our economy.

We do have some politicians that are listening to the people and working hard to make improvements. We need more of those good people. They have families, they have lives outside of the office, and they are still giving their best to us. There is one good person in our area that has never turned a deaf ear as far as I have seen, and that is Senator Neal Kedzie. This man has never turned down a good cause as far as I have heard. Neal's family has health issues; yet he is always, always where the people are, listening, caring and there are a multitude of people he has to listen to. I was told the other day by one of his constituents, "Well, he works for us. That's his job". That person is right and at the same time she said, "And he does a great job."

I feel the turmoil, usually in an election year things get better for the people, but the track record of the last seven plus years are standing course. Times are harder than ever for the majority of Americans. There have been some breaks on capital gains taxes, but for the vast majority of struggling American's that does not even apply to their situation. There should be

more extensive tax breaks for everyone, there should be better paying jobs and the minimum wage should be increased. We need to fortify our country. We need to stick together like the proud Americans we are. We need to have an open heart for the world, but we need to start at home. We need to refocus. Every state should be receiving much more from our Federal government. If the funds, our tax dollars, were focused domestically, most all American's would be living the American dream.

Our children used to go to school primarily to be educated. Instead, our children are now going to get two good meals and an education. Over 35% of students need those meals to survive. God Bless the schools for providing those two meals. Now that summer is here where will those meals come from? For those of us that can afford to feed our children, count your blessings, think of your fellow Americans and please Care and Share. For those who have been blessed with much, as it says in the good book, much is expected.

There is also a movement among us, with everything else that's going on, to stick up for and protect our women and children. We need to reach out for what is morally right. I had someone approach me and say we have two pornography shops in our area and they are looking to open two more. My advice, like every other business, have the pornography store owner's explain their business at a public meeting, have them display what they plan to sell to the public and feed into the minds of our people. We have enough despair and strife going on in the world.

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.

Upcoming Fundraiser July 6th: The Delavan Downtown Business Assoc. will be having their Second Annual Fundraiser to benefit The Time Is Now to Help. They will be selling a hotdog lunch from 10a.m.-2p.m. Sunday, July 6, 2008 during downtown Delavan's "The Car's Time Forgot" car show. They also will be selling raffle tickets with many wonderful

prizes. The food stand will be located on the south side of the 200 block of Walworth Ave., next to Pet Pals in downtown Delavan. Thank you all who contribute, volunteer and participate in this wonderful event.

A Special Thank You to: Paper Dolls, Delavan Service League, Immanuel United Church of Christ, David & Carol Hunecke, Stewart & Carol Calkins, Julie Partridge in honor of all the great mother's in her family, Jerry & Thelma Meyer, Steven & Susan Woodcock, Douglas & Jean Chase, James & Elizabeth Bach, Harold & Janet Schuren, Beauford & Ruth Breidenstein, Marshal & Susan Ketchpaw, Bill & Jean Isaacson, Nancy Carroll, John Bollero, Betty Ann Koepsel, Florence Hawver & Rona Frye, Albert & Ellen Burnell, Kunes Country Ford & Kunes Country Chevrolet & Cadillac, Paul Ziegler, Dick & Jean Honeyager, Phyllis Weeden in memory of Ken Weeden, Jay Ieronimo, Alan Homan, Richard Mertes, Elizabeth Cox, Walter Zimmerman Jr, Michael Kuhl, Virginia Moser, Donald & Marie Voss, J.D. Development, Bill & Lois McEssy, ALL of you who support The Time Is Now to Help donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now donation box in your business, please call (262)249-7000.

Desperately Needed Cars: Once again we have a desperate need for used cars. If anyone has a car they are thinking of trading in or an extra car you are not using, please think of those who are in desperate need of transportation to get them to and from work so they can provide the daily necessities for their families. Without reliable transportation it makes their situation even more desperate. Please Care & Share.

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.

Goodsearch for The Time Is Now: Search the web with www.goodsearch.com and help to raise funds for The Time Is Now to Help. Just make www.goodsearch.com your homepage, pick The Time Is Now as your charity and the rest is simple. You can even shop some of your favorite online retailers. It is a fun and easy way to help the poverty stricken in our area.

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.

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