

## **\$25,000 J.D. DEVELOPMENT MATCHING GRANT**

Dear W.C.

9/22/08

Our electric is shut off.....

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I am a single mother of three. Our natural gas has been shut off.....

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I am a senior citizen. One of my utilities is off and the other is being threatened to be shut off. I know there are others out there worse off than I am, so if there is no help for me I understand.....

Dear W.C.

I lost my job. Our company has had some very hard economic times and has been struggling the past several years. It finally shut down. I am looking for another job. All I can find are \$7 to \$8 an hour jobs. I have taken two part time ones, but they are still not enough to keep my family from becoming homeless.....

Dear W. C.

My car broke down. I don't have the money to pay to get it fixed. I am on the brink of losing my job. My landlord says I cannot use my rent money to fix my car or I will be evicted. I am very scared for my children.....

Dear Readers,

Our economic condition has hit an all time low for many. A little over a year ago, a new Caring and Sharing neighbor came into our circle of helping. During the past few months we shared gracious company helping those in need. When we have returned from our visits to the many in need of assistance, I could see the look on the face of this humble servant of God. Two comments stood out during our conversation. First he commented, "This is really the front lines for helping the poverty stricken," and as I

shuffled through almost a foot thick stack of requests for help, the second comment, “This must be quite overwhelming.” I answered, “Yes it is.” I looked back with a brief expression of how I truly felt--that there are more requests for help at this time than any other in our history, and financially I cannot help as fast as has been put upon my heart. With that my guest got up and left the room. I looked down at the stack of requests; relieved he left the room so I could let my guard down and cry. I do not like to see people suffering through the pains of poverty. I know their despair. I know their hopelessness. I know their fear, and all I want to do is help.

After awhile this angel of a person returned. We spent more time together sorting requests and mapping out which people we would visit first on our next mission of Caring and Sharing. At that point he passed a piece of paper across the table. It was a commitment to another \$25,000 matching grant from J.D. Development. As I held the paper up and read it, I became frozen in my emotions. As I tried holding back my emotions, I could not speak. I know I would have burst into tears. As I held this piece of paper which represented so much help to our neighbors in need, it was hovering over the foot high stack of requests for help. Those requests represent much pain and suffering from our fellow Americans reaching out to us through letters filled with pleas for help.

Since I couldn't talk without tears running down my face I had to sort out my feelings, understanding this person is reaching back to those who are reaching out for help. Such an overwhelming mix of emotions, of feeling the goodness from this person and the desire deep in our hearts to help as soon as we possibly can to relieve the pains of poverty.

As I looked up I could see my friend was watching me, also ready to cry. With that I thought, “I'm never too old to express my feelings.” I cried, and I made my way around the table and hugged this person for giving this much, much needed help.

My dear friends, the needs of our fellow creations are great. It is upon us to do what we do best and gather around the poor, our fellow Americans, to help those in genuine need and provide it as quickly as possible. So please, take advantage of this opportunity to help. Please give what you can. Please Care and Share for the less fortunate. For every dollar you give another dollar is given to match your donation. Please help.

The weather has changed. The rain has cleared, the sun is shining, and it is beautiful outside. I want all of us to feel beautiful on the inside by Caring and Sharing and doing God's will. I want those that are suffering to feel relief. I want all of you to feel goodness in your heart as we, together, put smiles on their faces. I want to relieve their fear of being alone, facing the unknown of what they are going to do to keep food on the table, keep the lights on, pay their rent to avoid homelessness. I want all of you to be a part of relieving the stress and fear of adults and children so they know there are others out there that do care. There are others that want to share, want them to be happy and make their life what the Lord wants it to be. Please Help.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

**Richard Driehaus \$30,000 Matching Grant:** We have made our goal of matching Richard Driehaus' \$30,000 Matching Grant. Thank you to all who participated in this excellent opportunity to double your donation. In a future column we will update you on where every penny was spent.

**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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**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.

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**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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