

We are very happy to report that we have met the August Blessings \$25,000 Matching Grant. Your compassion and generosity towards our many poverty stricken neighbors was overwhelming. God bless the generous donors of the \$25,000 in matching funds. You have inspired many to match your generosity. In the next week we will conclude distribution of these funds and provide you with a breakdown of where every penny was spent. Once again, I thank all of you donors. Our fellow creations that have had their pains of poverty eased thank you. God bless you for caring and sharing. May all of us feel proud of the difference we made together. May we continue to offer hope and assistance to our desperate fellow American's, especially now in the recession.

We also have received some more exciting news. The Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust has for the 8th year given its approval of a \$30,000 Matching Grant to begin immediately. We are forever grateful to our wonderful matching grant providers inspiring all of us to come together. This funding has brought in the past and will bring in the future an overwhelming amount of assistance to our poverty stricken families, senior citizens, disabled, and children. Thank you Richard, for your heartfelt compassion for your fellow creations.

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to you in hope that you can help my sister. She is in her fifties, does not have children, and is going through a very hard time financially. She fell last winter and broke several bones. She could no longer work and went on disability. Now she has lost her assistance and can no longer pay her rent. Please help her.

Dear W.C.,

I am ashamed to write to you for help. I feel like the worst parent in the world. My daughter is in constant pain with her teeth. She needs to have her wisdom teeth extracted but we do not have insurance. I am a single mother working full-time, but my wages are just enough to keep the utilities on and keep us from becoming homeless. I cannot afford to have this done. The pain my daughter has been enduring has gotten to the point that she can hardly stand the pressure. Can you please help her?

Dear W.C.,

My infant son was born premature. He has spent the last eight weeks in the NICU in Milwaukee. We are in desperate need of assistance with our car. The hospital bills are overwhelming already. Our car is in need of a major repair we cannot afford. We also are

having a hard time paying for the gas needed to drive back and forth each day. My husband had to give up some days working when our baby was very sick and we thought he wouldn't make it. Can you please help us repair our car and some gas? It is a daily struggle financially.

Dear W.C.,

I have moved to this area to escape an abusive marriage. I have two children that have suffered much at the hands of my soon to be ex-husband. He had moved out of our home to live with his girlfriend but continued to come by several times a week to harass my children and I. He would hit me in front of the children. My parents live in a small apartment but pleaded with me to stay with them to be safe. We left from out of state in the middle of the night with only what we could fit in my car. I did not even have money to rent a trailer or buy boxes. If my husband had seen us packing the car it would surely have meant a big confrontation and physical abuse. We now are in need of help with a rental. My children also need school supplies and clothing. My parents are struggling to feed all of us and their landlord told them we all cannot stay in their one bedroom apartment.

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to ask for help for an older gentleman in my neighborhood. He lives in a very run down trailer. He is extremely thin and his clothes are in tatters. I never see anyone visit or stop by. He seems to be alone in the world. Could you please check on him? I have several times left care packages on his stoop and noticed he did not let them go to waste. I have asked him several times if there is anything I can do for him but he is a proud man. He always says he is just fine, but I don't think anyone would be fine living in those conditions, especially a senior citizen.

Dear Readers,

These are just a small sampling of some of the letters of request we have been receiving. The amount of need in our country is great. The needs and circumstances may be different, but the suffering they all feel is same. Our fellow American's are hungry, scared, homeless or nearly homeless, living without utilities, water, and the most basic needs. Our story on CNN has brought a lot of attention to our organization. We have received many letters from people inspired by what we are accomplishing here. So many people are looking for ways to help their fellow American's in their own communities. I am flattered and humbled by your compliments and praise. I apologize for not personally answering each email and letter. I can assure you my time has been well spent addressing the many needs of letters such as the ones above. Our fellow creations are suffering everywhere. The same hunger and fear of homelessness is felt no matter what state the letter was written from.

This past week has seen many letters of request answered. I have cried happy tears with our fellow creations that have felt relief from worry for the first time in a long time. I have held the hands and given hugs to senior citizens to offer comfort and reassurance that someone does care. We have provided food, clothing, utility assistance, housing assistance, auto repairs, beds, school supplies, household necessities, and toiletries. We have restored utilities for several families living without electricity, gas, and/or water. We repaired cars for several people. We provided beds for children that were sleeping on blankets on the floor. Everyone was treated with compassion and dignity. Many of our recipients do not want their neighbors or friends to know how they are struggling. They are embarrassed and would rather suffer in silence than let others know. That is why they feel safe coming to us knowing we will preserve their privacy and dignity.

Please keep our fellow creations in your prayers. We are living in very uncertain times and our government is not stepping up to take the proper steps to turn this economy around. Every day we hear of another tragedy or natural disaster. The best we can do is offer our love and compassion, making a big difference in people's lives. God bless all of you for making our mission a success. You and the people we help are my true heroes. I humbly thank all of you for all you do, and giving me the strength to continue "our" mission to God and God's people. Thank you for your caring and sharing for our many fellow American's in desperate need.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC/Sal

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