

Fox Charities has again inspired “All of Us” to help the poverty stricken with their New Year 2014 \$25,000 Matching Grant. We are happy to announce that this matching grant was successfully matched this past week. As soon as we complete distributing these funds to those in most need we will share with you where every penny was spent. We are so filled with gratitude for everything that Fox Charities does to support our mission of poverty assistance. Fox Charities are motivators and inspiration for all of us to continue our compassionate good works for our fellow creations in desperate need. God Bless Fox Charities, and all of “You”, for your generous donations during this winter that has been so hard on so many.

Now we have a new matching grant opportunity to share with you to continue this motivation and good works. The Paul Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant will begin immediately to enable us to continue providing shelter, utility assistance, food, car repairs and much more Caring and Sharing. A Big Thank You to Paul Ziegler for his continued support of our mission and his caring heart for those in need. Together we will provide much needed help in this very harsh winter. Together we are removing the pain and suffering of our good fellow Americans.

Dear W.C.,

My wife passed away last year from cancer. I had to set up a monthly payment plan for the huge medical bill I will never be able to pay off, on top of food, rent, utilities and any other expense that seems to pop up. I am raising my son and daughter on my own. I was off work without sick pay for over two weeks. My children were both sick with the flu, one after the other, and they needed me. I do not have any parents or friends to ask for help so I had to take off work to care for them. I do not have the money to fix my car that is constantly breaking down. My utilities are overdue. I could really use some help. I do not want to lose my job because my car breaks down.

Father all Alone

Dear Readers,

The father was extremely grateful when I arrived at their door. After we introduced ourselves he invited me inside. He introduced me to his two children that were nine and eleven. They were both very nice and very polite. The father asked them if they had homework. When they confirmed they had homework to do the father asked if they could do it in their room so we could talk. Both children hugged their father and politely said to me, “Nice to meet you Mr. Sal.”

I could see the father needed someone to talk to and some guidance as well. He had been through a lot in the last two years, with first his wife’s illness and then her death. Now he was raising two children and trying to keep a roof over their heads. I knew “We” would be able to ease some of the stress of his financial struggle until they got on their feet again but I needed to complete my research first.

The father and I went over his budget. I reviewed his income and all his bills. We went over the repairs needed on the car. They did not have cable TV, internet or a landline telephone. All three needed new clothing, winter coats, boots and gloves. The cupboards were pretty bare. They had been to the food pantry once a month. The medical bills were on a payment plan he had negotiated that would take many years to repay. The good news was he was now with his employer over a year and would have paid sick days going forward. The father admitted he had lost his previous job when his wife was so sick. His previous employer had let him go due to the amount of days he had to be off to care for his wife.

I could see he was saddened when speaking about this difficult time in his life. I saw him look away and when he looked back he had tears in his eyes. The father said, "I loved my wife so much, it still hurts to talk about her. The children ask me questions about her and it is so hard for me to even speak. I want them to know what a wonderful person she was and how much she loved all of us but it is so hard to get the words out." By the time he was done speaking these words we both had tears in our eyes. I could see the love they had shared. I silently prayed to find my own words of compassion and comfort to try and ease the immense pain he felt. I gave him a hug and felt him breakdown.

I encouraged him, under my guidance, to call and renegotiate the remaining medical bills from his wife's cancer. I told him to tell them the truth on how the payments were leaving him and his children almost destitute, causing them to cut back on eating properly, not having proper clothing, being so behind in their utilities that once the ban on utility disconnection was lifted in April they would be left in the dark, with no heat or hot water, leaving him with no money to repair his car for work that would lead to the loss of his job, and no payments for the past due medical bills. We called immediately and to his shocked surprise they agreed to cut his payments in half by the end of the conversation. When he got off the phone he broke down in relief and a loud, "Thank God!!"

The father gave me another hug and thanked me for talking with him for so long. He said, "Even if you can't help us financially I feel better after having talked with you." I replied, "We will be doing more for you than just talking. All the people that support The Time Is Now to Help would not want you to be evicted or go hungry or lose your job because your old car is unreliable. We will be dropping off some assistance tomorrow." The father profusely thanked me, not even knowing what we were going to provide.

"We" together paid the overdue utilities and some into the future, food, gift cards for gas and new clothes, including winter boots, coats and gloves for all three of them. We also had his car repaired, with a complete bumper to bumper safety check and new tires, to ensure he had reliable transportation for his job. The father broke down in great relief and appreciation. His fears of helplessness were replaced with "Your" compassion for a hard working widowed father. God Bless all of you. Thank you to all of "You" for making this assistance possible.

My dear readers and friends, we have many other fellow creations that need our help and compassion. Helping our fellow creations, our Caring and Sharing, doing our good works, is life changing for those we help. God Bless all of you for making "Our" The Time Is Now to

Help so special. Together we will continue to remove the many pains of poverty including, hunger, loneliness, fear and homelessness. Together we provide hope, compassion, care, shelter, food, ...all the necessities of daily life, through our Caring and Sharing. God Bless all of "You" for helping. Please help us match our new Paul Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant.

Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone, W.C./Sal

Paul Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant: Thanks to Paul Ziegler we will be able to help many during this harsh winter. Paul Ziegler has graciously stepped up to match your donation dollar for dollar, doubling your help to those in need. Please take advantage of this opportunity to double your Caring & Sharing donation. Together we can make a big difference in the lives of those suffering in poverty.

Please Help: There are many coming to us in desperation. Our good fellow creations need our compassion. Together we make a big difference. Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 1, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. 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 how your donation provided assistance for the poverty stricken.

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Memorials: Kent & Nancy Castelein in memory of Frank Piscopo. Vera Hamley in memory of Naomi Koehler. Betty Katzman Tank in memory of her husband Ronald Tank. Sal & Corinne Dimiceli in memory of Harry Bublitz.

Furniture Donations: Please contact Love, Inc. for all your furniture, clothing and household item donations. Call 262-763-2743 or 262-763-6226 to schedule pick-up. We are no longer affiliated with Chris Ann's Resale Shop.

W.C. Food Pantry Needs Help: The W.C. Food Pantry is desperately in need of 1,000 sq. ft. + donated storage space in Lake Geneva, Elkhorn or Delavan. An overhead door is necessary. It can be heated or unheated. A loading dock would be a huge plus. The W.C. Food Pantry is working hard to provide good food along with other items such as pet food, toiletries and other desperately needed daily necessities. All this requires the space to store

these items when donated in large quantities. Please contact Jim Drescher at (262) 745-6018 if you can help the food pantry.

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