

Dear Friends,

Whenever The Time Is Now to Help is running low on funding to support our mission of caring and sharing, our dear friends at Fox Charities seem to know we are in need. Last week Fox Charities offered a Spring \$10,000 Matching Grant opportunity. How can we thank such a compassionate, devoted matching grant contributor? By matching this grant as quickly as possible, enabling all of “Us” together to bring \$20,000 in assistance to the poverty stricken in our communities.

At this time we have many letters of request waiting to be answered. Each letter is filled with a plea for help with utilities, housing, car assistance, food and other daily necessities. We also receive emails and messages from teachers, social workers, churches and other agencies, referring students, senior neighbors, single mothers and working poor families. Please take advantage of the Fox Charities Spring \$10,000 Matching Grant. Every dollar you donate will be matched by another. Together we will remove the heartbreak of poverty for our fellow creations in desperate need. Please help remove their pain and suffering.

Thanks to Fox Charities and all of “You” we will not have to disappoint our fellow Americans struggling to survive. We will ease their burden and remove their pains of poverty.

Here are some of the recent fellow creations helped by your caring and sharing:

A young mother struggling with cancer was unable to work while undergoing her treatment. She did not have the money for gas to get her to her daily chemotherapy treatments. Together we provided her this assistance. Her heartfelt words of thanks have brought many tears to my eyes. She sent her words of gratitude to all of “You”. The mother also sent photos of her young children stating they are, “Her reason to fight for her life.” There are many cancer patients turning to us for help as they battle for their lives. In fact I was even asked by an oncologist this past week if he could refer some of his patients to The Time Is Now to Help. The doctor said his patients often were unable to work during treatments and were unable to afford gas to get to their appointments. Thanks to all of “You” and Fox Charities we will not have to turn these fellow creations away while fighting for their lives. We will lift them up and help remove the financial stress from their lives so they can concentrate on regaining their health.

A senior woman was facing utility disconnection due to illness over the winter and extraordinarily high utility bills. The circumstances are the same for many of our senior citizens, handicapped, working poor families and single mothers after this past harsh winter and slow to warm spring. Gas and electric utilities would be disconnected for many if it was not for Fox Charities and all of “You”. Even though it is past April 15th, the official disconnection date for utilities to begin, it is still cold most days. Can you imagine trying to keep warm in your home when it is only in the 50’s outside? Thanks to Fox Charities, and all of “You” this will not have to be a reality for those struggling to survive in our communities.

I received a call from a teacher concerning two small children, a sister and brother. The teachers had their concerns when they saw how they both were dressed. The young boy's shoes were so worn they were falling off his feet; his shirt was many sizes too big, hanging over baggy pants. The little girl's clothing was just as bad, with her wearing the same stained dress nearly every day and shuffling her feet to keep her old poor fitting shoes on her feet.

The teachers had gotten together and collected much nicer clothing and new shoes. The children were very grateful. The other children stopped picking on them over their obvious poverty. I still remember the feeling of being bullied over my own obvious poverty as a child, my one pair of old pants much too short over my hole filled shoes. I remember the pain when rocks would pierce my foot through the quarter sized hole in the sole of my shoe, but the most pain and embarrassment was from the other children not accepting me due to my poverty being so evident in the way I was dressed. I knew the pain these two children were enduring, the social isolation. I also knew these children were possibly enduring other pains of poverty such as hunger... The teachers also knew the pains of poverty did not stop with the new clothing they graciously and generously supplied, so they called on The Time Is Now to Help.

I checked out the two children's home life. I found a battered mother being abused by a selfish drunk. This despicable drunk of a man had the mother and children living in fear of violence. I confronted this brute with my relentless drive to better the children's and mother's lives, backed by the few strong domestic violence laws, vs. the weak laws that allow this brutal existence to continue. The cruel man was convinced to leave and let the mother and children live a life free of fear and pain. The mother worked full-time while the drunk took all her income for himself, leaving nothing for the children's well being. We also helped this mother and children by bringing their rent and utilities up to date, allowing them to start fresh in their new lives together. Together we freed them of their painful life with an abusive drunk. Now they live happy, healthy lives with our watchful compassion.

Last week we had seven mattresses delivered to a low-income senior housing complex. The apartment manager contacted me due to the number of senior citizens living without beds or sleeping on deplorable mattresses. She said many suffered mental incapacities and physical maladies that were exaggerated by having to sleep on chairs, floors, old couches and unsupportive old mattresses. I went to visit several of the recipients and was saddened when I saw an elderly woman sleeping in an old recliner, a senior gentleman curled up on a small, broken-down love seat and other fellow creations living in similar poverty stricken conditions. The simple gift of good nights, restorative, comfortable sleep has been life changing for these deserving people. If it was not for the support of our friends at Fox Charities and all of "You" we would not be able to continue to offer this service to our neighbors in desperate need.

My dear friends, poverty is causing great pain among our fellow creations. Many life changing events can change a person's ability to care for themselves, their children, a family member... Illness, injury, disability, tragedy, loss, death of a spouse or loved one, can all make you a victim of poverty. Please, please let us stand together and do our good works of

removing the pains of poverty. God Bless "You" for helping. God Bless Fox Charities for once again showing your compassion to help. Together we will continue to remove the many pains of poverty. God Bless all of "You" for helping.

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

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: Robert & Mary Ann Zelenski in memory of Joe Zelenski & Francis Schaefer. Richard & Elizabeth Czaja in memory of Joanne Johnson.

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.

Please visit: www.timeisnowtohelp.org

