

Fox Charities & Will.i.am Make a Big Difference

In 2011 CNN sent a film crew out to follow me as I made my visits to several area residents in need. I was accompanied on one of these trips by someone that I only knew as a talented world renowned musician. That wonderful person also turned out to be a humanitarian and philanthropist in his own right. He spent the day talking to the people in our communities and myself about poverty in America. He lent a compassionate ear to the poverty stricken and struggling fellow creations he met on our journey. The humble celebrity that walked into these homes of the poverty stricken people we visited was the one and only Will.i.am.

On one of our stops that day we paid a visit to a single mother and her gifted teenage daughter. They were awe struck and could not believe the wonderful Will.i.am was in their humble home in a low-income housing project. This young lady shared her love for dance and talent for the arts with Will.i.am. She also shared her fear and hopelessness of not being able to complete her education and being trapped in poverty. When Will.i.am saw the tears in this young ladies eyes as she shared this with him Will.i.am asked the CNN film crew to stop filming and asked to speak with her privately. As Sal and the mother looked on, Will.i.am shared his own life experience of growing up in a home with a single mother. All he had was his incredible drive that brought him out of poverty and into worldwide success. Will.i.am succeeded not only in financial success through his musical talents but also in his humanitarian work and love for his fellow creations. The young lady asked Will.i.am, “Do you think this is possible?” Will.i.am answered with, “I know this is possible. Never let anyone take away your dream and drive to succeed.” His encouragement and enthusiasm meant the world to this young lady. He instilled a dream, a hope, a drive to fulfill her reality of a higher education. Will.i.am was so impressed with her abilities and her desire for a higher education he said if she continued to keep her grades up he would be able to help her achieve those dreams through a donation to The Time Is Now to Help from his I.Am.Giving Foundation.

Three years later Will.i.am and the I.Am.Giving Foundation are doing just that. With the help of Sal and the determination of this young lady to attend college, a request was made to the I.Am.Giving Foundation to help make her dream come true. This request was answered by a generous donation to The Time Is Now to Help. This donation is being used to provide the college financial assistance necessary to attend the school that will provide her the education and experience she needs to lift herself out of the poverty she experienced in her young life.

We cannot thank Will.i.am and the I.Am.Giving Foundation enough for remembering the young lady from Lake Geneva and the promise he made three years ago. Our memories of the special day spent with Will.i.am are kept alive by the continuation of his generosity and philanthropy right here in our own communities. The Time Is Now to Help and the I.Am.Giving Foundation are working together to fulfill their mission in all areas with this much appreciated assistance: “Transforming lives through education, opportunity and inspiration.”

We are also so thankful this week to announce we have successfully matched the Fox Charities Summer 2014 \$25,000 Matching Grant. How appropriate to match this grant during the last week of summer. We have been busy using these funds to meet the needs of many poverty stricken fellow creations in our communities. Thank you for your gracious support of our mission and what we do right here in Wisconsin to make the world a better place.

This past month we have visited families living without utilities, homeless women and children living in cars and many people struggling with their health and disabilities. A stack of letters arrives almost daily with more pleas for our assistance. We are only able to answer those pleas thanks to "You". Just like Will.i.am stepping up to help one young lady in our midst, The Time Is Now to Help is helping those behind closed doors, listening to the fears of our fellow Americans and helping to dry their tears. "We" are motivating them to be inspired, to have hope, to follow their dream of no longer living in poverty. We are saying to all our fellow creations in need, "Yes this is possible."

Just like the young lady that was inspired by the wonderful Will.i.am, we too want to inspire an end to poverty. We want to remove the despair and fear of poverty and replace it with hope and optimism. When there are senior citizens and the handicapped living in depression and anguish over their hardship, we want to be there to lift them up and bring them hope. This is all possible thanks to "You".

In the coming weeks we will share the Fox Charities Summer 2014 \$25,000 Matching Grant distribution. You will see where every penny of your donations was used to bring poverty relief and assistance to those most in need in our community. "You" have been there with me on each one of those visits. Fox Charities and all of "You" have been instrumental in making the change we all want to see in the world. Thank you to Fox Charities and all of "You" for Caring and Sharing.

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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