

## **Fox Charities Summer 2014 - \$25,000 Matching Grant = \$50,000 in Assistance**

The Fox Charities Summer 2014 - \$25,000 Matching Grant came at a time when we most needed funding to get us through the sometimes difficult summer months. Often times we are thinking about other things during the fun summer months other than our fellow Americans going hungry, living without utilities or sleeping in their cars. We are busy with barbeques, children home from school and enjoying all the beautiful area we live in has to offer during the summer months. Thank you to Fox Charities for always putting the needs of the less fortunate, the desperate needs of the poverty stricken ahead of their summer fun and reminding all of us about the needs of those in our communities. We did not ask them to provide a grant during our usual slow donation season, they brought this grant to us and encouraged us to ask all of "You" to match their generous donation. All of "You" generously met their challenge and made it possible for us together to provide the following assistance to over seventy of our fellow creations in desperate need. "Your" generous donations, matched by Fox Charities, provided the following life giving assistance. God Bless all of "You".

### **THIS IS HOW ALL OF US HELPED:**

#### **RENT/SHELTER = \$25,384**

Over forty senior citizens, the disabled, single mothers with children and working poor families were provided shelter assistance thanks to your kind donations that were matched by the Fox Charities Summer 2014 - \$25,000 Matching Grant. The fellow Americans saved from homelessness and despair all cried happy tears of relief. We again provided emergency housing for senior citizens and working poor families that would have been sleeping in a car or in a park. Overdue rent was paid for several single mothers with children that fell behind due to loss of child support, unexpected health emergencies, job loss, etc. "You" and Fox Charities together prevented homelessness for a blind woman living on her own. We also helped this woman with assistance from several volunteers in several areas. The blind woman was saved from homelessness as she struggled with several other life threatening medical emergencies. She was so relieved to have a place to come home to after her hospital stay. "You" and Fox Charities together have eased the worry and stress of impending homelessness for many in our communities.

#### **UTILITIES = \$8,455.71 = Electricity: \$3,366.85, Gas: \$4,036.77, Water: \$452.09**

#### **Phone: \$200**

Thanks to the Fox Charities Summer 2014 - \$25,000 Matching Grant, and "Your" generosity, we paid overdue gas, electric, phone and water utilities. Many utilities were on the verge of disconnection this past late summer/early fall season. Most renters will be evicted if their utilities become disconnected. The loss of water is devastating for mothers with children. The loss of gas and/or electric is terrible to contemplate, much less actually endure. How

many times during a storm have you lost power and repeatedly reached for a light switch or appliance only to find them not working. Imagine this not for an hour or so, but actually for weeks on end. Then you have an idea of how hard it would be to live without utilities. Together, “You” and Fox Charities have restored utilities to families that were living with that fear of disconnection. Together, “You” and Fox Charities have prevented water/sewer utilities from disconnection for a family with children and two senior citizens. A cell phone bill was paid for a senior citizen on the verge of disconnection. A phone can be a lifeline for our senior citizens and disabled living all alone. Thanks to Fox Charities and all of “Us” together, many of our neighbors in need will not have to live in a home or apartment where they flip disconnected light switches, live with warm, empty refrigerators, shower in cold water or have to haul water for cooking and bathing.

### **FOOD = \$2,369.55**

Your donations, matched by the Fox Charities Summer 2014 - \$25,000 Matching Grant, provided much appreciated food assistance with gift cards and emergency food deliveries. Hunger is a continuing problem in our nation. Children were helped through the last month of summer break before they began school and again received their free breakfast and lunch program. The handicapped were provided much needed fresh foods delivered to their residence. Senior citizens were provided food when their limited incomes could not cover all expenses that month, meaning their food budget is the first thing eliminated. We have seen many ways our fellow creations try to cope with food insecurity, often eating nothing but noodles and peanut butter if they have them on hand. Our food pantries continue to do a wonderful job to supplement many of the poverty stricken in our communities. For those that are unable to get to the food pantry due to disability, illness or lack of transportation, or for those that work during the food pantries hours of operation “We” together have been there to provide healthy, life giving food. Fox Charities and all of “You” have removed the very real pains of hunger for many in our communities.

### **TRANSPORTATION = \$8,542.56**

Fox Charities and all of “You” have again provided the key to maintaining employment and transportation to often life saving medical treatments. That key is reliable transportation. Many years ago we began this area of assistance as we saw over and over the link between job loss and lack of transportation. We also saw many senior citizens and cancer patients unable to obtain life saving medical care due to lack of transportation. Not every community offers ride assistance or are there volunteers always available to provide rides. Most single mothers do not have the knowledge, tools or skill to keep their cars running on their own. These mothers’ cars were all given the repairs needed to keep their precious cargo safe and get them to their jobs on time. These car repair recipients were also provided with much needed gas gift cards, easing their budgets and often bringing tears to their eyes. “Your”

donations matched by Fox Charities Summer 2014 -\$25,000 Matching Grant removed the stress and worry of safe transportation for these senior citizens and single mothers.

**GLASSES/DENTAL CARE = \$536.25**

A handicapped gentleman wrote to us with the request for a pair of glasses. He kept trying to save for them each month but was living month to month on his disability. “We” provided him the modest sum he requested for the life changing glasses. He was overwhelmed with appreciation by our assistance. “You” along with Fox Charities also provided a desperately needed dental visit for a woman in need of a tooth extraction. The pain she was living with prevented her from eating or enjoying her life in any way. To think of this woman suffering as she tried to save her limited income until she could afford to have it removed would have been unthinkable. “Your” donations matched by Fox Charities provided her with the compassionate dental care she needed.

**BEDS = \$2,766**

A poverty stricken family was brought to our attention by a concerned donor. They were in need of many areas of assistance after both parents lost their jobs and they took in two more children from a relative that had died. The children were sleeping on old sagging mattresses and on the floor. They did not have blankets or sheets for these beds so these were provided as well. We also provided a mattress, box spring and frame for a disabled woman that had been sleeping on a couch. These fellow creations all shared their gratitude with all of “You” and Fox Charities for your generosity.

**APPLIANCES = \$1,045.93**

A disabled woman brought to our attention by a concerned neighbor was given help moving near relatives. We provided a washer and dryer for the home to prevent the disabled woman from stressful trips to a Laundromat with limited vision. This assistance will make all the difference in the woman’s ability to live independently. She no longer has the expense of a Laundromat or the need for transportation. She also now lives closer to family that can monitor her continued independence. This was thanks to all of “You” and Fox Charities.

**TOILETRIES = \$900**

Soap, shampoo, diapers, feminine hygiene, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs and many other items fall under the category of toiletries. Anyone that has had to purchase these items lately knows how expensive they can be. They often are eliminated from budgets that are stretched. If you had to choose between shelter, food or toiletries you know what would be the first to go. They also are necessary for job success, dental health and personal hygiene. Together we have provided the tools needed to maintain pride and physical wellbeing.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$50,000.00**

Every penny "You" donated, matched by Fox Charities Summer 2014 - \$25,000 matching funds, went to assist the poverty stricken. Together "We" provided desperately needed poverty relief.

Going forward we promise to continue our good works, our mission of caring and sharing, removing the pains of poverty for as many as donations allow in our communities. Your support has been crucial in our success at changing lives forever. We are so grateful to call you not only donors but friends in our mission The Time Is Now to Help. God Bless all of you.

*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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**Honoraries:** Joanne Rasmussen in honor of dear friend Bobbie Collamore's Birthday. Harley & Dorothy Kurtz in honor of their 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Memorials:** Arlene Torrenga in memory of Ed Mulderink. Joseph & Lois Haas in memory of Landon Petrie, Sr. Harvey & Lois Larson in memory of Laurel Bronson.

**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.

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