

Fox Charities Christmas Wish

My Dear Friends,

These past few weeks, as I was falling behind with more needs than funds to provide assistance with, I reached out to all of you with a heavy heart. Many of you have come forward, allowing our mission to remove the burden and pains of poverty. We have been working day and night helping, helping, helping. Today I received a heartwarming communication that once again made me a true believer that prayers are answered. Fox Charities wants me to announce a \$25,000 Christmas Wish Matching Grant. My dear friends it is up to us to remove the pains of poverty for those in desperate need. Together we will stand strong in our commitment to help our fellow creations reaching out to *The Time Is Now to Help* for life changing assistance.

As we all prepare for our Holiday gatherings filled with family, food and gifts, I will be planning on visiting some senior citizens and families struggling this time of year. While everyone is rushing through their final days of shopping, spending and cooking I will be making sure the poverty stricken have enough to eat and warm clothing to wear. There is such a contrast between the two different holiday scenarios. For those of us blessed to have family and friends to share this special time with it is hard to imagine being alone on Christmas, much less not having enough to eat or worrying about eviction.

Recently we provided assistance to families with infants fighting life threatening illnesses. They will most likely be spending their Christmas in the hospital. Thank God we were able to help them with their transportation needs and provide rental assistance, removing some of their stress and enabling them to be there every day with their children.

Someone we have been providing assistance to for the last few months will be having surgery this week. We ask for your prayers that this surgery will restore her sight she lost several years ago. When we first met this woman she was living alone. She did not trust us or anyone. She had been the victim of domestic abuse years ago, eventually resulting in the loss of her vision. Due to the lack of health insurance she let her vision slip away, even when there was a chance of saving some of it. Now, thanks to “Your” help and the help of several caring and sharing volunteers, she is going to get that surgery. It is not known how much of her sight can be restored, but if she can live independently once more without getting lost outside while tossing out her trash or burning herself while making her one baked potato for dinner, the only food she had to eat, we will help provide that opportunity. Please remember this special woman in your prayers this week as she undergoes this surgery. We will be there to help her through her recovery and we will keep you informed of the outcome.

The Christmas cards we have received this week have been filled with messages of thanks. The families that are now in stable jobs and safe shelter have shared their gratitude with all of “Us”. The disabled individuals that have been provided wheelchairs and handicap accessible vans are full of appreciation for the wonderful changes we have brought to their

lives. Several cards this week came from senior citizens we helped last winter, when utility bills were high and they were struggling due to their health. Now they are thanking all of "Us" for helping them to survive.

I wish I could share every moment of assistance "We" together have provided this past year. It would be impossible to fit it all in this column. This past year we have again helped over 500 people with rent, shelter, utility assistance, food, toiletries, household necessities, wheelchairs, transportation assistance and much more. "We" together have restored pride, warmed homes and fed hungry senior citizens and children.

We thank all of you that have responded to our plea for donations. We are busy putting your donations to work right now. For those of you still contemplating donating to our charity I want you to know that every penny of your donation will be used to help the poverty stricken. Your donation would be used to remove the fear of homelessness, stress of high utility bills, frustration over the lack of reliable transportation to jobs and health care, and the real pain of hunger when you just do not have enough money to pay your bills and buy food. 100% of your donation would be used to provide the daily necessities that sustain life and remove the pains of poverty.

You can be assured that together we will continue our mission during this very busy time of desperate need. We will continue providing our much needed assistance to our fellow Americans, removing their pains of poverty. There are still many of our fellow creations suffering and in need of our help. Thanks to all of "You" and **Fox Charities** we will be there to provide that help. We wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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: John & Marlys Schuerman in honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Carl & Shirley Daniels. Tuesday Night Bunco Group in honor of Les & Pauline Malsch.

Memorials: Dorothy Furman in memory of her son Erik Enzenbacher. Bruce & Angela Gussarson in memory of their Aunt Vivian Gatrel. Lorraine Briere in memory of Mary Ann O'Brien. Veronica Kirkpatrick and sons Randy & Curtis Kirkpatrick in memory of George Kirkpatrick. Donald & Cecilia Pinne, Jr. in memory of George Kirkpatrick.

W.C. Food Pantry Update: Due to unforeseen circumstances the W.C. Food Pantry will not be moving until Saturday, January 3, 2014. After that date it will be moved to its new location: 205 E. Commerce St., Elkhorn, WI. 53121. This is in the old Aurora Clinic building off of Hwy. 67 just east of Interstate 43. The food pantry will also have special holiday hours: Closed on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve open on Tuesday, December 23rd & Tuesday December 30th, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Their phone number at their new location is (262) 723-4488.

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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