

We are happy to announce we have successfully matched the Fox Charities \$25,000 Christmas Miracles Matching Grant. It is indeed a miracle that thanks to Fox Charities and all of "You" we have been there to provide poverty relief for so many of our neighbors in need in 2015 and now in 2016. Every year we begin renewed and ready to challenge our goal of helping even more people than the previous year.

In 2015 we provided life changing assistance for over 500 people. Together we removed the pain and suffering of poverty, hunger, homelessness, lack of transportation and utilities. Let's keep the momentum going in 2016 and try to help even more senior citizens, veterans, the disabled, working poor families, mothers and children. We are committed to work even harder in 2016 to remove the pains of poverty for those that are turning to us for assistance.

This past week we used the matching grant funds to purchase beds for two women struggling with many difficulties due to disabilities and poverty. They both were sleeping on extremely old mattresses. The pain they felt every morning was not just due to their disabilities and medical conditions, it was also due to the saggy, old mattresses they were trying to sleep on. We also helped both women with food, toiletries and items needed to help with their handicaps, including walkers, canes and handrails. Their gratitude for your generosity was overwhelming. Their lives are changed due to the comfort and sleep they can now enjoy. A simple pleasure they had not had for years.

Several people that bravely struggle with medical conditions were offered a helping hand. One woman has undergone numerous back surgeries yet continues to live each day in pain. Just getting up in the morning is a struggle many of us would not be able to endure. Yet she gets up and cares for her husband that just had his own hip surgery. They are waiting on their determination for SSI and have exhausted all their savings. We gave them the assistance and peace of mind they needed to not go hungry or risk losing their rental while they waited for their benefits to begin. Another of our fellow creations is home bound and on oxygen 24 hours a day. She has COPD even though she has never smoked. Due to severe asthma and being exposed to second hand smoke as a child she now struggles to breathe. Thanks to our assistance she can focus on caring for herself, not her overdue rent and utility bill.

A single mother that also is a recent cancer survivor needed our assistance to catch up on the bills she had not been able to keep up with while going through her month's long treatment. Now that she is back at work she can keep up with her expenses going forward. She bravely battled her cancer while working the minimum amount of hours needed to maintain her employer provided health insurance. After using all available paid leave she still was not able to keep up with her rent and utilities on top of a costly car repair. Thanks to all of "You" we were able to provide the caring and sharing she needed to get her on her feet again. Thanks to Fox Charities and all your generous matching donations she will be healthy, housed, fed and relieved to not worry about how she will catch up on her outstanding bills.

Our car ministry continues to be a large part of our mission. Four cars were repaired this past week. Single mothers desperate to maintain their employment must have reliable transportation. This was provided for three women. A senior citizen was driving on very bad tires, which was an extra challenge with all the recent ice and snow. Some additional service

was done on her vehicle so she can now safely get to her doctor's appointments and to her part-time job. We presently have several more vehicles in for service. These will be returned to their happy owners in the next few days. Now they can all get to their destinations safely and reliably. All these safe cars on the road are due to your kind support. Fox Charities has always been a big supporter of our car ministry and we appreciate your support of this area of assistance as well.

Thanks to your generosity these are just a few of the people helped by all of "You" and the Fox Charities \$25,000 Christmas Miracles Matching Grant. We are working tirelessly to help many more in the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing with all of you where every penny of this grant will be spent. The handicapped, disabled veterans, working poor families, senior citizens and women with children thank you for your caring and sharing. We wish we could show you the happy tears and smiles from the recipients of your generosity. The lives changed are all due to "You". God Bless you for causing these miracles to happen every day at The Time Is Now to Help.

*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:** Debra Harry in memory of Donna Harma. Keeley Family Foundation in memory of John L. Keeley, Jr. Donald Lightfield in memory of Jinx Sharp. P.J. Electric in memory of Jean Watts.

**Honoraries:** Paul Ziegler in honor of Richard Torhorst. Jean Ripple in honor of David Ripple. Charles & Nancy Castelein in honor of Winston Holmes. In honor of Randy Thelen's Birthday from Melody Fehling, Jim Gage, Sue Williams and Steve Watters. Allied Supply Employees in honor of Thomas Getzen.

**Prayer Chain:** There have been numerous requests for a prayer chain addition to our weekly column. Please pray for healing for the following people: Caroline, Clarence, Ryan, Jayden, Santana, Alex, Lily, Kaitlyn, Kynesha, Brandi's Grandma.

**W.C. Food Pantry:** The W.C. Food Pantry is located at: 205 E. Commerce St., Elkhorn, WI. 53121. This is in the old Aurora Clinic building off of Hwy. 67 just east of Interstate 43. Their phone number is (262) 723-4488.

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