

Family Foundation \$30,000 Matching Grant = \$60,000 in Poverty Relief

Thank you to the Family Foundation for their \$30,000 Matching Grant inspiration and all of “You” who made the matching grant a success by your gracious Caring and Sharing. Their motivation encouraged “You” to donate generously knowing your donation would be doubled. Due to the Family Foundation \$30,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” we have been able to provide poverty relief for over 100 of our fellow creations in our communities. We feel blessed to have your wonderful support that enables us to provide this life changing assistance. We thank God everyday for your generosity that allows us to remove the pains and suffering of poverty.

Every penny of the Family Foundation \$30,000 Matching Grant was used to provide desperately needed poverty relief. We together have prevented homelessness, hunger and the many other pains of poverty. The Family Foundation donors and all of “You” have made the following assistance possible:

THIS IS HOW ALL OF US HELPED:

RENT/SHELTER = \$41,708.71

This was the largest area of assistance for this matching grant. The winter months are an especially hard time to become homeless. It can be life threatening for any of our fellow creations to be living in a car any time of year, but is much more dangerous during the freezing winter months. This winter we were able to keep many women, children, senior citizens, veterans and the disabled in their homes and apartments. For some that were already evicted we provided safe shelter in motels. This includes a family with three children that we are continuing to counsel with job placement for the mother and finding an apartment they can afford. A woman veteran that suffers with both physical and mental scars from her years of service was given assistance to prevent her and her teenage daughter from becoming homeless. Both single mothers and single fathers were provided the assistance necessary to keep them and their children sheltered. Several single mothers were seeking help in getting on their feet after leaving abusive relationships. It was very important for both the mothers and the children to be independent from the men that were tormenting them. Now they are safe and able to get by without the constant threat of abuse. Many of our fellow creations suffered from disabilities that prevent them from earning a living. Some are waiting for disability payments to begin. Others had unexpected expenses that could not be covered by their small social security income. A woman in her forties suffered a brain aneurysm that left her severely disabled with three children. While she awaited her determination for benefits “We” made sure they were safely housed. A grandmother raising her grandchildren, after many tragic events unexpectedly placed these children in her care, was helped with rent and other expenses to prevent them all from becoming homeless due to the overwhelming

financial responsibility placed on her shoulders. A man suffering from cancer and recently displaced due to a fire was provided a security deposit so he could get out of a motel and into an apartment. There were many more helped with first month's rent, security deposit, overdue rent and motel rooms. We could fill page after page with the stories of those we helped thanks to the Family Foundation \$30,000 Matching Grant and all of "You". God Bless the Family Foundation and all of "You" for making this assistance possible.

UTILITIES = \$2,600 = Electric: \$1,400 Gas: \$1,200

High winter utility bills were relieved for four people in our communities. This amount is lower than usual but also due to the moratorium on utility disconnection until this week in Wisconsin. The people helped were too far behind to be able to catch up come April 15th. They would have been disconnected immediately. We prevented this stressful outcome by bringing their utilities up to date to help these single mothers and senior citizen get back on their feet again. God Bless "You" and the Family Foundation donors for providing the blessing of utility assistance to the poverty stricken in our communities.

FOOD = \$1,526.66

When we speak about removing the pains of poverty hunger is usually the first one that comes to mind. If you have never felt true hunger you cannot understand how this affects your whole life. When all children can think about is being hungry they are not going to do well in school or other areas of life. When senior citizens cannot eat properly they often suffer due to the additional medical problems they have, including diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and many other conditions exacerbated by poor nutrition. When the disabled or veterans have unexpected car repairs or medical expenses the first thing they cut back on is food. "We" together have removed this pain and replaced it with health and happiness. This was all thanks to all of "You" and the Family Foundation. Thank you and God Bless "You".

TRANSPORTATION = \$9,516.19

Car repairs, car payments, car registration for a donated vehicle, a handicap accessible van repair and gas gift cards were provided for nine vehicles. These nine vehicles represent nine working poor families, senior citizens, the handicapped and single mothers desperately needed transportation. Together we provided job security, transportation for medical care, transportation for a family with a child with multiple disabilities, transportation for senior citizens. Car repairs continue to be one of the most requested areas of assistance. The lives of two single mothers were completely changed when The Time Is Now to Help paid their overdue car payments. No longer did they have to stress and worry about when their car would be repossessed. No longer did they have to fear losing their jobs due to lack of transportation. A working poor family could not afford the necessary repairs on their handicap accessible van. They worried they would no longer be able to get their son that is in

a wheelchair to and from his doctor's appointments and therapies. They would never have had the funds in their budget to pay for the repairs needed. A family living in a motel was provided car repairs to ensure the mother could reliably get to her new job. This job represented their ability to get out of a motel and into an apartment with their three young children. Lives were changed due to this transportation assistance. This is all thanks to "You" and the Family Foundation \$30,000 Matching Grant.

BEDS = \$976

A senior woman living with her disabled son was provided new beds. The beds they were trying to sleep on were old, sagging and stained. "We" together provided beds that would improve their lives by removing back pain and sleepless nights. This is an area of assistance that again removes one of the pains of poverty. God Bless all of "You" and the Family Foundation for the pains removed thanks to this matching grant opportunity.

APPLIANCES = \$1,796.19

A senior citizen living without a refrigerator for many months was provided a new refrigerator. Can you imagine life without fresh food? Eating only canned foods is not how we want our senior citizens to live. We also provided the grandmother that is raising her grandchildren with a washing machine and dryer. Her old machines were broken and she had been carrying the many loads of laundry to a laundromat. The gift of a new washer and dryer changed the life of this grandmother as she copes with the many responsibilities of raising these young children on her own. Both these senior women cried happy tears of gratitude for these life changing gifts. We share those tears with all of "You" and the Family Foundation because thanks to "You" we were there to help them.

MEDICAL CARE = \$700

Two women were provided help with their vision needs. One senior woman needed glasses as her only pair was lost and she could not afford another pair. Providing glasses for this senior woman has changed her life. She can again drive and read. She is not struggling every day to see. She can safely take her necessary prescription medications without struggling to read the label or even worse misreading and taking the wrong dose. Another working poor woman struggled with vision problems and our assistance allowed her to see an eye doctor. Due to our assistance this mother was able to drive and work again. Her vision problems have been resolved and her family will not become homeless or fall behind any further in their bills. We were able to Care and Share for these women and remove one of the pains of poverty. Thank you for making this assistance possible.

HOME REPAIRS = \$1,176.25

A senior woman living without hot water was given the gift of a hot water heater. How does a senior citizen live without hot water, especially in winter? This elderly woman was heating water on the stove to wash dishes and sponge bath. She could not handle lifting too heavy of a pan of hot water so she was limited on how much she could heat up at a time. Is this how we want the senior citizens in our communities to live? The woman had lived this way for several months before she set aside her pride and asked for our help. My heart breaks over the pains she suffered until we were there to bring our life changing assistance. She shared with me her humiliation over never feeling clean from her sponge baths and the chills she would get washing herself in the winter months. After our assistance with the hot water heater and in several other areas she is again going to church and visiting with her friends. She is no longer worried she will smell or too embarrassed to have people to her home. A single mother was provided help with a new furnace. The old inefficient furnace stopped working in the middle of winter and left them cold and afraid. This mother was working paycheck to paycheck and unable to pay for this life saving home repair. "We" together along with the Family Foundation \$30,000 Matching Grant made sure these women and children did not have to suffer due to lack of heat and hot water. "We" together removed these pains of poverty. God Bless "You".

GRAND TOTAL: \$60,000.00

Every penny "You" donated, matched by the Family Foundation \$30,000 Matching Grant, was used to assist the poverty stricken. Many hours were spent researching, coordinating and organizing the \$60,000 in assistance provided 100% to the poverty stricken. We investigated every request to make sure every penny of your donation was used to provide assistance to those most in need. Our fellow Americans continue to live with the pains of poverty. Our mission continues to be to alleviate those pains of poverty for our fellow Americans in our communities. Without all of us working together and Caring and Sharing for our fellow creations in need many people in our communities would be forgotten. They would not have their tears of pain and suffering felt or heard. We would not know there were children, senior citizens, men and women hungry, scared and alone. Thanks to the Family Foundation and all of "You" these people's voices have been heard. We now are aware of their suffering and pain. Thanks to all of "You" and the Family Foundation for supporting our mission and helping us provide this life changing assistance.

The Time is Now to Help has been chosen by the Lake Geneva Restaurant Week selection committee to participate in the 2016 Charity Check program - where the most voted non-profit will be the recipient of \$5,000 sponsored by Lake Geneva Country Meats. The 2016 Lake Geneva Restaurant Week event will take place June 3rd – June 12th, 2016. To learn more about this event please visit www.LakeGenevaRestaurantWeek.com. Be sure to start

planning to attend this year's event and vote for The Time Is Now to Help to be the charity that receives the \$5,000 Charity Check.

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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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, Susan, Clarence, Ryan, Jayden, Santina, Alex, Lily, Kaitlyn, Kynasha, Brandi's Grandma, Corinne and Marilyn.

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.

Please visit: www.timeisnowtohelp.org