

## **Matching Grants Are Vital to Our Success**

The past few weeks have been busy with providing poverty relief made possible by the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant and all of "You". We have been so busy we not only matched the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant but we also used the \$30,000 to give assistance to those we found suffering due to homelessness, hunger, lack of utilities and reliable transportation. We could not have done this on our own. We needed all of "You" and Paul Ziegler who generously provided these matching grant funds. The many turning to us for assistance needed all of "You" and the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant to change their lives from ones of hunger and fear to now living lives filled with gratitude and fulfillment. There are no words that can properly express the feeling of gratitude The Time Is Now to Help has for all of "You" and Paul Ziegler providing this assistance. All we can offer is our most sincere thank you.

We also have another matching grant opportunity we are grateful for. Fox Charities has again provided a \$25,000 Matching Grant to begin immediately. This grant will be called the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant. The miracles needed at this time are to remove the pain and suffering of those in desperate need. Our fellow creations have exhausted all other resources, and are living in the intense fear of poverty. As we have just successfully matched the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant and distributed those funds to those most in need, let's keep the momentum going. Let's keep providing miracles for even more senior citizens, the handicapped, veterans, working poor families and single mothers with children.

Paul Ziegler has again been not only a great supporter of our mission but also a heartfelt friend. His heart feels for those suffering in poverty and pain. God Bless all of "You" and Paul Ziegler for your continued support and for making the following assistance possible. Here is how all of "You" and the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant provided \$30,000 to help those in desperate need.

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

#### **RENT/SHELTER = \$18,588.00**

Thanks to all of "You" and the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant we were able to prevent homelessness for 56 of our fellow creations over the past six weeks. An abused mother with four children was provided with rent assistance to escape the constant fear and pain they suffered in. An 88 year old mother living with her disabled son was saved from pending eviction. A family of four was safely sheltered in a motel for a month while they struggled financially until both parents found jobs. Now they have been moved to a rental they can afford, even with an eviction on their records, thanks to our referral, security deposits and first month's rent. Several single mothers were struggling to pay rent and other expenses when the children's fathers neglected to pay their child support. We helped with budgets and rent assistance to prevent their evictions until the authorities stepped in to bring these fathers into compliance. A disabled veteran and his wife were helped with their rent as they had paid for a much needed car repair that prevented them from having enough left to pay their rent. Several working poor families were given help with lot rent for their mobile homes and rent

for their apartments. Thanks to all of “You” and the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant the stress and pain of impending homelessness was relieved for each of these fellow creations and many more. God Bless all of “You” and Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant for removing these pains and suffering of impending homelessness.

**UTILITIES = \$3,820.30; Gas: \$1,000; Electric: \$2,820.30**

As the utility disconnection moratorium expired on April 15<sup>th</sup> many were turning to us in desperation. Our spring weather continues to vacillate between winter and summer and the evenings are very cold still. Can you imagine how cold it would be in a home, mobile home or apartment without utilities? The inability to cook, store fresh foods, take a warm shower, turn on lights when it is dark and so many other things utilities provide would be very distressing for most of us. Now think how living without utilities would be if you were a senior citizen, disabled or a child. The distress would be felt even greater. The utility assistance you have provided was a blessing to all of our recipients. What a blessing to have “You” and the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant there to provide this much needed utility assistance.

**FOOD = \$2,106.42**

Your donations, matched by the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant, provided much needed food and nourishment to our senior citizens, handicapped and children. Fresh fruits and vegetables are a luxury for those struggling to get by on minimum wage or living on social security. Sometimes due to other unexpected expenses even canned food can be a luxury. Food should be a necessity that everyone can enjoy. There should not be children going to bed hungry or senior citizens skipping meals in our communities. Single mothers should not have to feed their children cheap carbohydrate laden meals because it the only food they can afford. Thanks to “Your” donations matched by the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant we provided healthy foods to those that need them most, the elderly, children and the handicapped.

**TRANSPORTATION = \$5,485.28**

Life without reliable transportation is hard for those trying to maintain employment and health care. This matching grant provided car payments for three working single mothers. One of these mothers needs our prayers (please see our prayer chain) for her child that has terminal cancer. These women and children were saved from the pain of having their cars repossessed. We also provided much needed car repairs for a senior citizen and a working poor family. Your Caring and Sharing hearts have caused tears of happiness for these women, senior citizens and families that were living with the constant fear of job loss or inability to get to their medical care. Thank you to all of “You” and the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant for providing the funds needed to repair these cars to good working order. We also provided much needed gas gift cards to many in need of this assistance.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$30,000.00**

As you can see 100% of every dollar "You" donated matched by the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant funds, went to assist the poverty stricken. Together we removed the pain, shame and fear of poverty these fellow creations were living with every minute of every day. Now they are filled with gratitude for all we have done together. We cannot thank you or Paul Ziegler enough for your charitable hearts. God Bless "You" and the Ziegler \$15,000 Matching Grant for making our mission to remove the pains of poverty a success.

Please let us continue to help our fellow creations. Every dollar you donate will be matched by the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant. Together we will continue to removed the pain and suffering of our fellow Americans.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. To learn more about this event please visit [www.LakeGenevaRestaurantWeek.com](http://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.

**A Very Special Thank You:** Family Foundation, Paul Ziegler, Fox Charities, The Rhoades Foundation, Martin Business, The Dan & Donna Casey Family Charitable Fund, Badger High School FFA Coin Drive, ITW Foundation, Church of Jesus Christ LDS, Elkhorn Chemical & Packaging, Jack & Mary Lou McKinney, Walter & Florence Strumpf, Gerald & Joyce Byers, Robert & Patricia Davis, William Plano, Ellen Flanagan, Jacob & Janice Friesema, Jerry & Patricia Cooper, F. Robert Ball, III, David & Shirley Heigl, Beth & Jody Rendall, Sid & Patty Johnson, John & Marian McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schuberth, Milton & Carol Ann Ancevic, Kenneth & Delores Baumeister, Frank & Deborah Guido, Patricia Jankowski, Marvin & Audrey Hersko, our anonymous donors and ALL of you who support The Time Is Now to Help donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now donation box in your business, please call (262) 249-7000.

**Memorials:** Jody, Craig, Jr. & Cara Cook in memory of their amazing mother-in-law & grandmother Dorothy-Mae Cook. Carla Matz in memory of Harry Bublitz and Heidi Danner.

**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](http://www.timeisnowtohelp.org)