

In an instant, life changes for many in our communities and throughout the world. An accident, act of violence, diagnosis, job loss, fall, fire, and many other things can change our future and our ability to provide for ourselves and our families. Even if you are lucky enough to have a savings to fall back on these savings can be used up incredibly fast. That is why so many turn to The Time Is Now to Help. When all your options are used and your facing homelessness, hunger, lack of transportation and utility disconnection, that is definitely the time for “Us” to help.

This past week we saw a horrific senseless act of violence that affected many. Our hearts are broken for the victims and their families. While we cannot offer our financial assistance to those that will no doubt be suffering due to this tragedy, we can all join together and pray for these families and also join together in a prayer to end this pointless violence. We see far too much suffering in the people we help at The Time Is Now to Help already. We do not need more hatred and suffering in this world. If every community had a charity like The Time Is Now to Help, and all the good people that support our works, what a better world this would be. We know we would not be able to stop all violence in the world but we could certainly try to share our love for our fellow creations to all within our reach. While the news is filled with sadness and fear over things we cannot control, we would like to share some of the good news we have accomplished together this past week.

Some examples of our Caring and Sharing this past week include a gentleman referred to us by his home health care worker. He had survived a terrible fall that left him paralyzed and now in a wheelchair. His wife had recently passed away and he is raising two teenage children on his own. His health care worker had noted several areas he needed assistance in and we found their assessment to be correct. We brought his utilities that were on the verge of disconnection up to date and paid some into the future. Their only vehicle was in need of many repairs to make it even safe to drive short distances. His son helps him in and out of his wheelchair and drives him to therapy and doctors appointments. We are in the process of looking for a suitable vehicle that will replace this old high mileage car. For now repairs were made to make it safe for the son to drive for errands and medical care. Food insecurity was evident as well as the need for toiletries and household necessities. When I made my visit I felt an immediate need for our Caring and Sharing assistance. I saw with my own eyes the constant worry this man was living in and the fear and stress of poverty, in addition to his many physical challenges. Thanks to all of “You” we were able to provide assistance with all the areas this family needed. We could never have done this without your support. This man would have continued to suffer in poverty without anyone noticing other than his home health care worker. How many people do you think live quietly in poverty all around us? How many of our senior citizens and the handicapped don’t know where to turn or are too proud to ask? It is up to all of us to see the hurt and hunger around us and to spread our Caring and Sharing love to those most in need.

A grandmother raising her four grandchildren after her daughter died of a drug overdose, a mother living in a physically abusive relationship was helped with first month’s rent and security deposit, a veteran on the verge of homelessness, a senior couple struggling through cancer therapies while living in poverty, these are just a few of the people helped due to the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant.

Another grateful recipient of our assistance is a single mother who also desperately needed car repairs to prevent the loss of her job. She had paid all she could to keep her car running but could not get all the work done. This left her with the dilemma of getting to work each day so she did not become jobless as well. After a thorough evaluation by one of our trusted mechanics her car was found to be in need of several more repairs to keep her and her children safe on their daily commute. This and many more of our fellow creations in our communities were provided assistance due to your generous donations matched by the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant.

We continue to try and share our mission with as many as we can touch and follow the principles we founded our organization on. We use 100% of your donations to bring assistance to those most in need. We do this by asking those that need assistance to write a letter explaining their situation and requesting our help. Each week another batch of letters requesting our assistance are opened, read, prescreened, sorted by severity and investigated. In addition to letters we screen many phone messages and emails from those that are too desperate to write. These may be from social workers, schools, health care workers and other organizations that are unable to provide the assistance we offer. Those that are facing impending eviction or are living without utilities, situations involving children, senior citizens or the handicapped are addressed first. We help as many as funding allows.

We have nearly matched the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant. All funds received so far have already been spent to provide as much assistance as possible. The Fox Charities grant providers have again motivated us and all of "You" to give from the heart. Fox Charities and all of "You" have helped us to achieve and believe in miracles, the wonderful miracles of removing hunger, homelessness and fear. When we have your support we feel we can do anything together. We look forward to being able to share all the miracles we have achieved together in the next few weeks.

Please help us to 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 remove the pain and suffering of our fellow Americans.

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: The following donations were given in loving memory of Lisa Marie Haydam: Glenda Hill, Michael Best & Friedrich, Vern Magee, Keith & Lisa Aurand, Steven & Stephanie Braatz, Richard Goetsch, Richard & Ann Weber, Susan Pedersen, Raymond & Sherri Ames, Diane Hinzpeter, Les & Pauline Malsch, Walter Myalls and Patrick & Barbara Dinan.

Honoraries: Dorothy Kurtz in honor of Harley Kurtz's 88th Birthday.

Prayer Chain: Please pray for healing for the following people: Caroline, Susan, Clarence, Ryan, Jayden, Santana, Alex, Lily, Kaitlyn, Kynesha, Brandi's Grandma, Corinne and Marilyn.

Inspiration Ministries Resale Shop: Please donate your gently used household items and furniture to the Inspiration Ministries Resale Shop. For local pick up of major items or collection appointments please call (262) 275-2264. Inspiration Ministries Resale Shop is located at N2270 State Rd. 67, Walworth, WI 53184. New hours: Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Please visit often knowing your support will provide life changing assistance for the fellow creations in their care. Inspiration Ministries is home for up to 80 residents that live with multiple physical and mental challenges. I thank all of you for helping. For more information visit

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