

Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant = \$50,000 in Assistance

We are beyond grateful for “You” our generous donors and also for Fox Charities for always providing motivating matching grants just as we need them most. This Fox Charities matching grant has made life changing assistance possible for over 60 people living in poverty in our communities. If you saw the conditions we found our fellow creations living in you would have cried the same tears we cried. Many people ask if we become hardened to seeing the pain our senior citizens, handicapped, sick and working poor families are living in. We can say with a resounding “No” that we will never become immune to feeling their pain. What helps us to wipe our tears, roll up our sleeves and find a solution to the pain our neighbors are living in? Knowing that all of “You” and Fox Charities are putting your faith in The Time Is Now to Help and our ability to make a change.

This week’s column will share highlights of how every penny of the \$50,000 in donated funds was used to provide poverty relief right here in our own backyards. The letters requesting our assistance continue to arrive daily. We can say with sincerity that the need is great. We also are proud to say we have the best donors that feel the pain of our neighbors and truly want to make a difference. Thanks to all of us working together we are doing just that. This is how “Your” generous donations, matched by Fox Charities, provided life changing assistance for our fellow Americans in desperate need.

THIS IS HOW ALL OF US HELPED:

RENT/SHELTER = \$22,874.30

A family living in a motel for several months was given a new lease on life as well as a new lease on a home. The family was grateful to be spared from homelessness several months ago when The Time Is Now to Help stepped in to prevent this. But several months of living in a motel can be difficult on a family with three active children. The limited ability to cook for your family and lack of privacy can begin to wear thin, even for someone that is grateful to not be living in their car or in a shelter. This is where your donations, matched by Fox Charities, came into play again when we found them a reasonable rental they could manage going forward. We are happy to report this family is now living independently and has been successful in paying their rent and other expenses on their own after many budget reviews and job counseling. We also helped a senior citizen have their own success in overcoming homelessness and managing their budget. Two families struggling due to their child’s life threatening illnesses were provided help with paying their rent during this especially painful time. These are just a few examples of where your Caring and Sharing donations, matched by Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant were used to remove the pains and suffering of poverty.

UTILITIES = \$3,000 = Electricity: \$2,500, Water: \$500

The Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant and "Your" generosity have provided assistance with water/sewer and electric for 8 people. A handicapped man, raising children on his own after the death of his wife, has been spared living without utilities. Their utilities were scheduled to be disconnected but thanks to all of "You" and Fox Charities they will not have to endure this as well. We also prevented a single mother living in a motor home with her handicapped daughter from living without water/sewer. These are just a few examples of your donation matched by the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant providing miracles for our fellow creations in need. Thank you for preventing the suffering that a lack of utilities can bring.

FOOD = \$3,437.66

Your donations, matched by the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant, provided desperately needed food assistance and emergency food deliveries. Just ask anyone that has endured hunger what a miracle food assistance can be. Emergency food delivery, providing grocery store gift cards and volunteer grocery shopping trips make up the majority of our food assistance. While our food pantries do a wonderful job to alleviate hunger for many in our communities there are still some that cannot make it to the food pantry. The handicapped, senior citizens and working families all find it hard to get there either due to transportation or physical limitations or working during the food pantry hours of operation. That is where our food assistance program steps in. Thanks to all of "You" and Fox Charities we are able to remove the pains of hunger for many in our communities.

TRANSPORTATION = \$17,259.04

Thanks to the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant and all of "You" ten cars were repaired. Most of these repairs were major repairs that affected the safety of the vehicle. These families, senior citizens, several handicapped individuals that rely on their wheel chair accessible vehicles and single mothers with children have been kept safe in their commute to work, medical care, grocery shopping, etc. thanks to the miracle of a car repair. Your generous donations matched by Fox Charities have removed the stress and worry over having safe and reliable transportation. God Bless all of "You" and Fox Charities.

APPLIANCES = \$1,000.00

A large family with a child with special needs was living without a washing machine, clothes dryer and refrigerator. We were able to provide these appliances thanks to all of "You" and Fox Charities. The difference these appliances have made in their lives is immeasurable. To have safe storage for perishable food and medications, and clean clothing, towels and bedding without having the expense and inconvenience of hauling your laundry to a Laundromat is a miracle for this family. They are so grateful to all of "You" and Fox Charities for this life changing donation.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES =\$976.00

Household necessities are needed by most of the people we provide assistance for. Blankets, sheets, towels, cleaning supplies, dishes, pans, glasses and many more items, fall into this category. Some of our senior citizens have very old items that are torn or broken. Families that have endured an eviction often have to leave many of their household necessities behind due to lack of storage or transportation. The joy these items brings to those living without is truly a miracle. Thank you to “You” and Fox Charities for making these fellow creations feel worthy of a bed with sheets, a bath with a clean towel, a blanket to warm a child, a senior citizen with pans that are not dented or chipped.

BEDS = \$1,453.00

Beds were provided for a family with four children. They had lost all their belongings in a fire and did not have renters insurance. These beds were gratefully received along with the new sheets, pillows and blankets provided as well. The children were so happy and hugged their new pillows. The parents watched them with tears in their eyes over this generous gift provided by all of “You” and Fox Charities. A senior citizen was also provided a new bed when I discovered the old sagging mattress she was trying to sleep on. Her life is renewed due to now living without the back pain she was constantly suffering with. Thank you and Fox Charities for allowing our mission to remove all areas of pain and suffering of poverty for our fellow creations.

GRAND TOTAL: \$50,000.00

Every penny "You" donated, matched by the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant went to assist the poverty stricken. The miracles this \$50,000 in donations provided has been a miracle for many in our communities. I thank God again and again for all of “You” and Fox Charities for the love, Caring and Sharing you provide. We could not do this alone. God Bless all of you for your compassion and generosity. Together we will continue to remove the pains and suffering of poverty. Together we provide life changing assistance for those in desperate need. The lives changed are all due to “You”. Thank you and God Bless “You”.

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: Jody Cook and family in loving memory of her husband Craig and her father-in-law Ralph Cook Sr. for Father's Day. The following donations were given in loving memory of Lisa Marie Haydam: Suzanne Hinske, Bruce & Carol Breckenfeld, Jo Ann Hogan, Carl & Joyce Rathmann and Harvey & Lois Larson. The following donations were given in memory of Linda DeYoung: Duane DeYoung, Brian & Trudy Patten and Wilbert & Shirley Bartelt.

Honoraries: In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Kuhnke's marriage. Phil & Barbara McMahan in honor of Janette Maxwell. Mike & Natalie Reno in honor of Mike Reno's 26th Birthday.

Prayer Chain: Please pray for healing for the following people: Mike, Caroline, Susan, Clarence, Ryan, Jayden, Santina, 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 www.inspirationministries.org.

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