

Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant = \$100,000 in Assistance

How blessed we are to have been able to share your \$50,000 in donations, matched by the Barnabas donors \$50,000 in funds, to provide \$100,000 in desperately needed assistance. The people helped by your generosity have been given the assistance they needed to prevent homelessness, hunger, lack of utilities, lack of transportation, toiletries and basic human needs. Our fellow Americans of all ages, from newborn babies to senior citizens, felt your helping hands lift them out of the pains of poverty. We cannot thank all of “You” or the Barnabas donors enough for your heartfelt compassion for our fellow creations.

Every dollar of the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant was used to provide desperately needed poverty relief. We are happy to share where every penny of your donation was spent. Many of our donors say they like reading these breakdowns as it helps them to feel the true impact of their donation. We like sharing them as we too get to be reminded of the true impact of our good works we do together. The Barnabas donors and all of “You” made the following assistance possible:

THIS IS HOW ALL OF US HELPED:

RENT/SHELTER = \$33,729.46

A handicapped mother and her two sons were given help with their rent when they fell short after the tragic death of her husband. Once they were moved into an affordable rental we were able to prevent homelessness. How tragic to not only suffer the loss of your spouse but also to be handicapped and facing impending homelessness with two children. That is just three of sixty-eight people that were provided shelter/rent assistance due all of “You” and the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant. A senior woman that has endured the loss of her husband and her two children was alone with her fears and pains of poverty until we showed up at her door. Her rent was overdue due to medical and dental bills. In paying her overdue rent we together removed her fears and replaced them with stable housing and a caring volunteer. Several single mothers with children facing life threatening illnesses were provided rent assistance so they could focus on the important task of helping their children get well. How can we expect our single mothers, who have no support system, to go to work and leave their desperately ill children alone in hospital beds? How could we ask a three year old with cancer to understand when their mother is not by their side to comfort them and ease their fears because their mother needs to go to work? We also helped several working poor families and working poor nearly seniors when other emergencies prevented them from being able to pay their rent. Two different homeless women were living in their cars but thanks to all of “You” and the Barnabas donors they have been temporarily housed in a motel until they are more stable financially and can safely pay their rent going forward. These are just a few of the people helped thanks to “You” and the Barnabas Matching Grant donors.

UTILITIES = \$9,200 = Electric: \$4,100, Gas: \$4,200, Water: \$900

Utility bills continue to rise and as we begin the winter season many will be able to keep their heat at a comfortable level, have water, appliances and lights thanks to all of “You” and the Barnabas donors. Several of our fellow creations that are fighting cancer were relieved to have the worry of utility disconnection removed from their daily stress. Senior citizens, working poor families, single mothers and veterans were all provided help with their utilities. No longer will they flip a switch that remains dark, open a warm empty refrigerator or turn on a faucet where no water comes out. The distress of lack of utilities has been removed from their lives. Indeed we do provide life changing assistance. God Bless “You” and the Barnabas donors for providing these blessings to the poverty stricken in our communities.

FOOD = \$8,676.80

Food was graciously provided with gift cards and emergency volunteer food deliveries. When we make a home check and find empty refrigerators and cabinets, our caring and sharing volunteers are there to deliver life giving food. Our volunteers could not believe the food deprivation found in our communities and the tears and gratitude they saw when they made these home deliveries of food. Many senior citizens, women and children had not eaten a good meal in a very long time. We helped children, seniors, single parents, and the handicapped fill their cupboards and refrigerators with healthy, life giving food. For those that are able to get to the W.C. Food Pantry in Elkhorn we provided \$2,000 in food assistance to this wonderful food pantry. The W.C. Food Pantry provides good healthy food at costs far below what we can provide with home deliveries, but it is restricted to those that have transportation and do not have health or mobility restraints. God Bless all of “You”, the Barnabas donors and the W.C. Food Pantry for removing hunger in our communities.

TRANSPORTATION = \$26,577.11

Four cars and a handicap accessible van were purchased. Car payments were made for a woman that has been ill and missed work. She would be in a worse situation if she lost her transportation for her job. A woman caring for her husband with cancer was provided safe transportation for their frequent medical visits and treatments. A man recently diagnosed with a progressive debilitating disease was provided a handicap accessible van to accommodate his new life in a wheel chair. The loss of his income and waiting on his disability would not have allowed him and his wife to have transportation unless she lifted him in and out of their car. That would be an impossible task and make medical and frequent emergency room trips even more difficult for this struggling husband and wife. Many cars

were repaired preventing job loss and allowing other necessary transportation. Gas gift cards were provided to ease the financial stress of transportation. When transportation was given once again we and our volunteers saw the shaking and crying of our fellow creations with overwhelming gratitude for our caring transportation assistance. They expressed through their tears that they never knew there were people with such caring hearts willing to help them put their life back on track. Thank God all of us together, with the Barnabas donors were there to ease the stress of lack of transportation.

BEDS = \$1,439

Mattresses, box springs and frames were provided for two families with children. Several of these children were sleeping on shredded old worn mattresses placed on the floor. We saw happy smiles and tears when these children were provided their own good beds. The gift of good restful sleep was provided thanks to all of “You” and the Barnabas donors.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$1,622.70

Towels, blankets, sheets, pillows, dishes, pots and pans and cleaning supplies were provided for those found to be living without. Several recently homeless people were provided these items. Children with new beds were also given new bedding to sleep on. Budget restraints often do not allow senior citizens, working poor families and single mothers to be able to purchase these items. Thanks to all of “You” and the Barnabas donors we were able to provide them with these much appreciated household necessities.

HANDICAP ASSISTANCE = \$4,729.75

A gentleman trapped in his own home due to his inability to get his old heavy wheelchair in his vehicle was provided a new lightweight and easily maneuverable wheel chair that he would have had to wait for several years to obtain through government assistant. We also installed two wheelchair ramps for a handicapped man to allow ease of getting in and out of his home. A repair was made on a handicap wheelchair lift for a single mother and her wheelchair bound child. This is such a touching area of assistance as these fellow creations desperately need our help to live accessible lives where most of the world is not accessible to them. We have opened doors and allowed these fellow creations to have some of the freedoms we all enjoy. Thank you to the Barnabas donors and all of “You” for providing this caring and sharing assistance.

TOILETRIES = \$1,400

Toiletries are always highly appreciated items. Toilet paper, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products, etc. Most people struggling to pay their rent and utilities will give up toiletries and food in order to prevent homelessness. Senior

citizens, children, infants, the handicapped are all so appreciative of these items. Your donations matched by the Barnabas donors provided personal hygiene and self-confidence for many turning to The Time Is Now to Help for assistance.

PAYDAY LOANS = \$1,069.68

A single mother with two children fell behind in her utility bill and rent after an unexpected trip to the emergency room turned into two surgeries and several weeks off work. By the time she was able to safely return to her job she had fallen short and her utilities were disconnected. In her desperation she took out a payday loan to pay her rent, car payment and utilities. Little did she know her loan she planned on repaying when she finally caught up had a 244% interest rate and kept growing every day. She had to use more and more of her paycheck each week to pay the exorbitant interest rates on the loan that quickly put her back where she started, unable to pay her rent or utilities. We together stepped in to remove that fear and growing expense allowing her to once again care for her family financially. After our financial counseling she has vowed to never again fall victim to a predatory payday loan scheme.

HOME REPAIRS = \$11,555.50

Home repairs were provided for a paralyzed man living with his children. His wife had passed away after a brief illness and left the husband and two children without the care and love of a wife and mother. The old family home they were living in was falling apart and had no handicap accessibility. There was no accessibility in the kitchen, bathroom or doorways. Much more work than just our contributions was provided by a local contractor. Volunteers and trades people put in many hours of help on this project. Now the father and children have a home that provides accessibility and a safe environment for the children. Thank you to the Barnabas donors and all of "You" for lifting the pains of poverty and inaccessibility for this father and children.

GRAND TOTAL: \$100,000

Every penny "You" donated, matched by the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant, was used to assist the poverty stricken. Every request was investigated to make sure every penny we give goes to good people in genuine need. Many of our fellow Americans are struggling to survive in low paying jobs, senior citizens are trying to get by on social security and the handicapped are trying to survive on often small disability checks. We will continue our mission to alleviate the pains of poverty for the poverty stricken. Thanks to all of "You" and the Barnabas donors we have been there to wipe the tears and remove the fears of poverty for many, many in our communities.

There are many of our fellow creations turning to us for help or being referred by others. It is very important we keep our momentum of helping the poverty stricken. The Fox Charities donors recognize this and have graciously once again stepped up to help. Please remember every dollar you donate at this time will be matched by the Fox Charities Christmas Wish 2016 \$25,000 Matching Grant, not only doubling your donation but also doubling your poverty assistance. The children, the handicapped, the elderly, those that cannot fend for themselves, those living in desperate need will be crying happy tears of relief thanks to all of "You", Fox Charities and The Time Is Now to Help working together to provide poverty relief. Together "We" make a difference removing the pains of poverty for our fellow creations. 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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Honoraries: Mark & Natalie Reno in thanks for prayers answered.

Memorials: Delores Piotrowski in memory of beloved best friend Martha "Dee" Valentine and beloved parents Gene & Lottie Piotrowski. Margaret Cardiff in memory of Marty Hansen & John Mercier. Jackie Leedle in memory of Edna Fisk.

Prayer Chain: Please pray for healing for the following people: Mike, Caroline, Susan, Jennifer, Clarence, Jayden, Santana, Alex, Lily, Kaitlyn, Kynesha, Brandi's Grandma, Marilyn & Sal.

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 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Sundays. 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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