

## **Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant = \$50,000 in Assistance**

We are happy to share with you this week where every penny of the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant was spent. Your donations, met by Fox Charities, provided \$50,000 in much needed poverty relief. This matching grant answered many of our fellow creations wishes for the removal of their pains of poverty. Fox Charities motivation allowed us to provide the following life giving assistance.

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

#### **RENT/SHELTER = \$15,930**

A Big Thank You to all of “You” and the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant for removing the stress and fear of homelessness for thirty-two women, children, senior citizens, the handicapped and working poor families. Illness and job loss were the common factors that were causing this very stressful area of poverty. Several single mothers and their children were provided emergency shelter in motels when they were found living in their cars. Most of these women have now secured jobs and are moving into rentals thanks to your donations providing the helping hand they need. Thanks to all of “You” and Fox Charities we have been able to remove that stress and fear for these neighbors in desperate need.

Several senior citizens in our communities were provided assistance with their rents after unexpected medical expenses and car repairs disrupted their carefully planned budgets. Our seniors especially will do whatever they can to prevent homelessness, including skipping meals and living with the bare minimum of heat. We together have removed that stress and worry allowing them to live more comfortably and with the shelter and heat they need. The winter months can be especially brutal for people living in cars or without proper heat. This suffering has been replaced with the tears of relief and gratitude thanks to the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant and all of “You”. Together “We” have made a positive difference in the lives of these people. Thank you and God Bless you.

#### **UTILITIES = \$2,800 = Electricity: \$1,350, Gas: \$1,450**

The Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant, and "Your" generosity have brought utility assistance to sixteen people. Natural Gas and electric were paid to prevent utility disconnection due to unpaid bills in April. Providing utility assistance eases the minds of our seniors who have to watch every penny due to limited incomes. When a drastic cold spell comes we do not want our fellow creations suffering in the cold and living in the dark. Single mothers who often struggle to make ends meet were spared the choice of food or paying the high utility bill caused by our winter weather. Together we have given them the utility assistance they needed to get through the winter months and once April arrives they will not have to worry about the disconnection notices arriving. Thanks to the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” working together to ease the pains and suffering of poverty in our communities our fellow Americans will not be living without lights, appliances and heat this winter.

### **FOOD = \$2,705.85**

Your donations, matched by the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant, provided desperately needed food assistance and emergency food deliveries made by volunteers. Some of this assistance was given through the W.C. Food Pantry where our \$1,000 donation was used to purchase desperately needed food at .19 cents a pound, providing 5,260 lbs. of food. When a trip to the food pantry is not possible due to lack of transportation, illness, emergency food needs, disability or working during the food pantries hours of operation we provide gift cards for several local grocery stores. Sometimes even the ability to drive to a grocery store is more than our clients are capable of and when this is the case our wonderful volunteers do the shopping and delivery of food. “We” together have provided life giving food for many of our fellow Americans suffering due to hunger. “You” and the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant have removed the pains of hunger for many in our communities.

### **TRANSPORTATION = \$17,149.26**

Reliable transportation is a very important part of our ministry. Without the ability to drive to your job it is nearly impossible to remain employed in our communities. Good medical care also requires driving to different medical facilities throughout the area. We together have provided the necessary transportation for many working poor families, single mothers, the handicapped and veterans. We have provided car repairs, gas gift cards, purchased vehicles, tires and even paid car payments. Thanks to your generosity they are able to drive safely to their destinations without the worry over possible breakdowns, slipping on old tires, cars not starting on busy work mornings, children not able to get to their treatments at hospitals, seniors not able to drive for food or medical care. This worry has been replaced with gratitude for the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” providing safe, reliable transportation.

### **TOILETRIES = \$1,040.25**

Soap, shampoo, diapers, feminine hygiene, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, toilet paper and many other items were purchased for senior citizens, the disabled, veterans, children, single mothers and working poor families. Expensive toiletries are often not accounted for in already stretched budgets. Food, utilities and rent come first and if there is any unexpected car repairs or medical bills that month toiletries will not be able to be purchased. Fox Charities and all of “You” have provided the tools needed for job success, dental health and personal hygiene allowing our fellow creations to maintain health, pride and physical wellbeing.

### **HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$1,349.40**

New beds require sheets, pillows and blankets. Cleaning supplies, vacuums and brooms keep a home clean and sanitary. Pots and pans are needed to cook. Plates, utensils and glasses are needed for dining. There are many items needed to make a house, or for most of our clients an apartment, a home. These simple comforts allow our fellow creations to eat, sleep and live more comfortably. For children who received their first bed from The Time Is Now to Help, a new pillow and bedding is the highlight of their young lives. For women and children once living in shelters or motels these items are life changing. Our senior citizens who are sleeping on tattered bedding on ragged old mattresses were crying happy tears over the comfort a new

bed with new sheets has provided. This happiness is offered by all of “You” and Fox Charities working together to supply much needed household necessities.

**HOME REPAIRS = \$5,500**

A handicapped gentleman, who has been recently confined to a wheelchair after an accident left him a paraplegic, was given assistance with the installation of a much needed roof on his home. There was mold and water damage that needed to be repaired along with some modifications to make his home handicap accessible. A senior woman that was living without heat was provided a new furnace to heat her small home. She had been living in one room of the home trying to heat it with space heaters. She can again enter her bedroom and bathroom without enduring the freezing cold or bursting pipes. These home repairs have provided not just life changing but also life saving assistance. Thank you to the Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant, all of “You” and The Time Is Now to Help working together to remove the pains of poverty.

**BEDS = \$3,525.24**

The Fox Charities Christmas Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” have provided beds for six children and three adults. A teacher referred a family after her child had visited a friend from school and when she returned home she told her mother they did not have any beds. When we contacted this family we were provided additional information and learned they had lost the children beds to a flood at their previous rental. The four children and parents had been sleeping on cots and blankets on the floor. We also provided a set of bunk beds for two brothers that had previously been homeless with their single mother. Once this single mother had obtained a full time job we helped her move into a small apartment that only had room for a bunk bed in the second bedroom. The boys were thrilled with their gift from all of “You” and Fox Charities.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$50,000.00**

I thank God for your support of our mission to remove the pains of poverty. Every day we continue to receive letters, calls and pleas for our assistance, assistance that we are able to provide thanks to all of “You” and Fox Charities working together. God Bless all of you for your compassion and your Caring and Sharing. In 2017 we are continuing our good works together removing the pains and suffering of poverty.

There are many of our fellow creations turning to us for help or being referred by others. 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”, the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant and The Time Is Now to Help working together to provide poverty relief. Please donate now knowing every dollar will be matched, doubling your donation. Together “We” make a difference removing the pains of poverty for our fellow creations. Thank you and God Bless you.

*Health & Happiness, Love & 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:** Eugene & Jenean Shreves, Jr. in honor of Shreves/Bode family. John & Marlys Schuerman in honor of Sandra Conrad. Katherine Ritter in honor of Brian Phillips.

**Memorials:** Sue & Mike Borden in memory of Gayle Leep. Paul Ziegler in memory of his dear friend Dorith Brown. Duane Harma in memory of his wife Donna.

**Prayer Chain:** A big “thank you” for all of your prayers and good thoughts. We have received phone calls and letters from those that have gotten well. Some of our loved ones have had their cancer go into remission, some have had their enormous anguish of pain physically healed. The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Mike, Caroline, Susan, Jennifer, Clarence, Jayden, Santina, Alex, Lily, Kaitlyn, Kynesha, Brandi’s Grandma, Marilyn & Lois.

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

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