

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

This week we are happy to share with you how every penny of the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant was spent. Your donations, met by Fox Charities, provided \$50,000 in much needed poverty relief during our busy winter months. The Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant was able to provide the poverty relief that so many were wishing for this winter. As many of you know the winter months prove to be the most difficult for not only the poverty stricken that face homelessness, higher utility costs and the need for reliable transportation, but also for our charity as fundraising usually slows down dramatically and we struggle to have enough funds to provide the help so many need. Thanks to all of “You” and the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant we were able to provide the following life giving assistance to many senior citizens, the handicapped, veterans, the working poor and single mothers with children.

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

#### **RENT/SHELTER = \$11,380**

We are so grateful to all of “You” and the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant for removing the stress and fear of homelessness for so many in our communities. Our fellow creations endured job loss, children with life threatening illnesses, serious medical conditions, escapes from abusive relationships and other unexpected expenses that prevented them from being able to pay their rent or find safe shelter. Thanks to all of “You” and Fox Charities we have been able to remove that stress and fear for twenty of our neighbors in desperate need.

A woman incapacitated by a bad fall was given the rent assistance to get her through the next month of recovery until she can return to work, allowing her to pay her medical bills and still be able to have enough money for food. A single mother that had become homeless with her two children was taken in by one of her friends, but also endangered her friends lease due to the amount of people living in the small apartment they were sharing. Our assistance helped this single mother to move into her own apartment, sparing them both from eviction and homelessness. An older working couple that was struggling to pay their rent was given the advice and assistance they needed to successfully manage their budget going forward. Two women that were escaping the horrors of an abusive relationship were provided with first month’s rent and security deposit to get them and their children out of harm’s way and living in a safe, secure apartment. All of these fellow creations had tears of relief over the assistance we provided them, removing their desperate fear of lack of shelter during these brutal winter months.

“You” and Fox Charities have prevented the pains of poverty and impending homelessness for twenty people since the beginning of the year thanks to the Fox Charities New Year Wish

\$25,000 Matching Grant. Together “We” have made a real difference in the lives of these people. Thank you and God Bless you.

**UTILITIES = \$4,650 = Electricity: \$3,750, Gas: \$300, Water: \$600**

The Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant, and "Your" generosity have brought utility assistance to ten people. Natural Gas, electric and water utilities were paid to remove the fear of disconnection in April. A senior couple that has many medical conditions was given assistance with their overdue electric bill. A widowed senior woman that is seasonally employed could not keep up with her high electric bill. A single mother that was severely injured in a car accident and has a daughter with special needs was spared a certain utility disconnection come spring. Two working poor families with children were given utility assistance, one with propane for her heat and another with their high electric bill. Together we have given them the utility assistance they needed to get through the remaining cold months without the fear of disconnection. These fellow creations will all have lights, appliances, heat and water thanks to “You” and Fox Charities. Thank you to Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant for allowing us to remove the suffering that lack of utilities can bring.

**FOOD = \$1,405.95**

Your donations, matched by the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant, provided desperately needed food assistance and emergency food deliveries made by volunteers. When lack of transportation, illness, emergency food needs, disability or working during the food pantries hours of operation prevents a trip to the food pantry we provide gift cards to several local grocery stores. Volunteers purchase and deliver food when our fellow creations are not able to get to the grocery store themselves or we find an immediate emergency need for food. Children, single mothers, senior citizens and working poor families were provided food assistance. “We” together have been there to provide healthy, life giving food. Fox Charities and all of “You” have removed the very real pains of hunger for many in our communities.

**TRANSPORTATION = \$25,433.82 = Car Repairs \$23,280.50, Gas Gift Cards \$2,153.32**

Transportation assistance is the largest area of assistance for the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant. Fox Charities knows the key to employment, health care and even food and toiletries, is reliable transportation. Car repairs continue to be the most requested assistance, even surpassing rent and utility requests. Four cars were purchased for working single mothers that risked losing their jobs and the ability to get their children to necessary medical appointments if they did not have dependable transportation. Three cars were repaired to ensure safe transportation. Car payments were paid for two working poor families. All these people, along with many others, were provided gas gift cards to ensure

they had enough gas for their trips to work, hospitals, therapies and other necessary places we need to travel. Thanks to the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” we assisted many that struggled with maintaining reliable transportation. Many budgets were spared the constant drain of endless car repairs on cars that would never provide these fellow creations with the safe transportation they now have thanks to all of “You” and Fox Charities. God Bless you for removing the stress and worry over safe, reliable transportation.

**HANDICAP ASSISTANCE = \$775.28**

A woman recently disabled and newly wheelchair bound could not access her home. Her husband had to lift her out of her chair and carry her up the stairs. We together provided a handicap ramp to allow her to access her home easily and safely. Thank “You” and Fox Charities for easing their struggle to access their home without wheelchair accessibility.

**TOILETRIES =\$1,116.22**

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. Everyone’s first concern is to pay for shelter, food, transportation and utilities. Many times toiletries just do not fit in the budget. Toiletries are necessary for job success, dental health and personal hygiene. The Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” have provided the items needed to maintain health, pride and physical wellbeing.

**HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$1,222.78**

Thanks to the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant, and your generosity, we provided household necessities for many. These items include: blankets, sheets, towels, cleaning supplies, pots and pans, dishes, etc. For the homeless we sheltered that have often lost all they own, these items are most appreciated. For those that struggle with budget restraints, and often go without these daily necessities, these items were gratefully received.

**BEDS = \$1,882**

A low income housing complex that houses many of our senior citizens and the handicapped came to us for help with their need for beds. Four senior women that were sleeping on couches and old sagging mattresses were provided a good restful sleep thanks to all of “You” and Fox Charities. We have removed the pains these senior women felt every day after trying to sleep on these worn old beds and couches. Thank you for your generosity.

**APPLIANCES = \$631.95**

We provided a refrigerator for a single mother that is caring for her two children with disabilities. They have been through so much already; they did not need to be living without refrigeration for their food. Thanks to your generosity they do not have to. God Bless “You” and Fox Charities!

**HOME REPAIR = \$1,250**

A new furnace was provided for the single mother that had obtained many injuries in a car accident. She and her children had been living without sufficient heat as their budget was already stretched due to many large medical bills preventing them from being able to afford a new furnace. Thanks to all of “You” and the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant this woman and her children now have heat and a much more efficient furnace to lower their utility bills.

**DENTAL ASSISTANCE = \$252**

A young woman that was suffering with terrible dental pain was provided the funds to be evaluated by a generous dentist that offered to discount her bill considerably. She will be having dental surgery in the near future to correct the dental problems discovered by the dentist. The pain removed for this young woman is all thanks to “You” and the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant.

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

As has always been our policy, every penny "You" donated, matched by the Fox Charities New Year Wish \$25,000 Matching Grant went to assist the poverty stricken. This \$50,000 in assistance answered the wishes and prayers for so many struggling in poverty in our communities. I thank God every day for your support and faith in our mission to remove the pains of poverty. We could not do this alone. God Bless all of you for your compassion and your Caring and Sharing.

We have nearly matched the Family Foundation 2017 \$30,000 Matching Grant. Please continue to donate now knowing every dollar will be matched, doubling your donation. We have many people coming to us in desperate need, living in fear trying to survive without the necessities of life. Many volunteers and I work very hard verifying the genuine need of good people. Together “We” need to continue to do our good works that make our mission for God a success. Together “We” make a big 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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**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, Santana, 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. 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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