

## **Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant = \$80,000 in Poverty Relief**

Today we finalized the distribution of the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant. We could not wait to share with you what we accomplished together with the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant donors. Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to provide the following assistance:

### **RENT/SHELTER = \$34,155.75**

Thanks to the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant and all of "You", we provided shelter for 32 people since February 5th. Most of these people were senior citizens and single mothers with children. Some of these people were rescued from homelessness. Children living in cars and elderly people crying tears of shame over being unable to pay their rent should not be a regular occurrence in our great country. Many people were provided with rent payments, mortgage payments, and security deposits to prevent further homelessness in our communities. Your donations, matched by the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant, have made a significant difference and transformed lives for the poverty stricken we serve.

### **UTILITIES = \$8,655 = Electric: \$6,455, Gas: \$2,200**

Thanks to the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant, and your matching donations we paid overdue utility bills for three single mothers with children, two senior citizens and two grandmothers raising their grandchildren. These mothers, grandparents and their children would soon be suffering due to utility disconnection if their bills were not brought up to date. Several were paid into the future to prevent future hardship as these fellow creations recover from surgery and illnesses. Thanks to the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant donation and your matching donations we successfully alleviated the stress of living without heat, appliances, and light.

### **FOOD = \$7,867.52**

Thanks to your donations, matched by the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant, food insecurity and hunger has been removed for many people in our communities. Living on a fixed income makes it difficult to keep up with rising costs of rent and other costs of living. Many of our clients are not able to get to the food pantry during hours of service so the inclusion of grocery gift cards along with the other assistance we provide, removes the food insecurity they are suffering. Thanks to the Family Foundation donors and all of you we have been able to provide life-changing food supplementation for the most vulnerable in our society.

### **TRANSPORTATION = \$13,651.76**

Reliable transportation has been provided by paying seven car payments and repairing five cars, including new tires for two cars. A repair was done for a wheelchair accessible vehicle for a handicapped child. Gas gift cards were also appreciated by many who struggle with that expense for commuting to jobs and medical care. Thanks to the Family Foundation and your matching donations jobs were saved, medical care was accessible and safe transportation was provided.

**BEDS = \$8,651.71**

Thanks to the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant and your matching donations, 17 new beds were purchased for the elderly, the handicapped and children. A social worker requested new beds for a low-income senior and disabled housing apartment building. These fellow creations were struggling to sleep on old couches, chairs and in wheelchairs. We shared compassion with these people as they suffered in silence every night. Our assistance has brought restful sleep for these 17 individuals. They can now get through the day without suffering due to sleep deprivation and pain. Some of them even shared tears of gratitude with all of us as they learned how we all worked to together to make their gift of new beds possible.

**HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$2,980.00**

Your donations, matched by the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant, provided sheets, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, and many other household necessities for the elderly and handicapped individuals that were provided new beds. We also provided gift cards for these items to several veterans, four working poor families, three disabled individuals, and single mothers with children. The high cost of cleaning supplies and other household items makes them impossible for many people to purchase. Thanks to your generosity these items were gratefully received by many.

**TOILETRIES = \$1,450.00**

Essential personal care items, including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby wipes, diapers, feminine hygiene, and many other products were provided thanks to The Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant and your matching donations. Not only does a lack of these items cause discomfort, but they can also lead to job loss, insecurity, dental bills, and future health problems. Many of our clients were saved from those consequences due to a lack of funds for toiletries thanks to your support.

**HOME REPAIRS: \$2,588.26**

A senior woman living with her handicapped son was brought to our attention when their mobile home had fallen into disrepair. A new roof was needed immediately to stop the leaks that were causing mold and other damage. It also was causing them to suffer due to the inability to keep the mobile home warm in the winter months. We also helped a working poor family with a much-needed plumbing repair. These repairs were completed, along with other much needed assistance for the elderly mother and handicapped son, thanks to all of “you” and the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant donors.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$80,000.00**

Thank “You” and God Bless “You” for making the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant a success. We appreciate your support every day that allows us to change lives throughout our communities. Even with the number of people who were blessed with the life changing assistance detailed in this week’s column, there are many more who are still

waiting for their blessing of poverty relief. Thanks to your continued support we will be able to continue to share these blessings throughout the months to come.

*Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, 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. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing how 100% of your donation was used for providing poverty relief.

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**Memorials:** Beth Pizzo in memory of Joel A. Pizzo.

**Prayer Chain:** 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: Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Ron K., Marian K., Judy, Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Ellie and Cornelia.

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