

## **Proud Americans Needing Help**

Dear Readers,

I recently had a very moving visit with a family that includes a husband/father that has a degenerative disease, which has left him paralyzed. His disability check only covers what would have been acceptable expenses forty years ago. Many of us are concerned about wars going on overseas right now. I think we should also be concerned about the economic wars being waged right now in our own country against our own citizens. Over forty million Americans have been losing a war for survival right here in our United States of America. I cannot see why a person who is completely disabled cannot receive more help, especially since before this illness struck he was a hard working, taxpaying citizen.

I noticed the children behaved very tentatively to their father while assisting their mother in caring for him. He could still smile and it was nice to see how happy he was for our visit and our help. He has reached a point where he can scarcely speak. It made me cry when he managed, with great difficulty to say, "I thank The Time is Now for helping us. I feel comforted by the help. God bless you."

I felt ashamed of the fact it was such a small amount of help that was actually given, and yet this man was so very grateful. I could feel my eyes tearing up, my heart aching for him and his family. Of course, there was much more help given and promised, and those promises will be fulfilled. Certainly, no matter how much we help, we can do nothing to lift the paralysis from this man's body but as he said in his own words, it will ease his worries. That made him very happy knowing, together, we are concerned and are here to help his family.

During our special time together I had to ask the mother several times if there were any needs the family had. I finally learned that the children were going back to school and did not have any new clothing; in fact they had not been able to purchase any new clothes in over a year. The mother agreed that it would be nice to get some clothes. Clothing wears out faster when you do not have much because of the constant wear and frequent washing. I know this first hand, when I grew up, there was a 2-year period when I only had a few shirts and one pair of corduroy pants. We helped the family get new clothing for school as well as provided them with some additional household necessities and food.

As I was leaving, everyone was smiling. Their faith in God is not

hidden beneath the surface but is proudly worn and expressed in their words and actions. Prior to leaving, I related that there are many good neighbors wanting to help and sometimes it is a matter of just writing a letter or making a phone call. I urged them to please not hesitate; there are many people with loving hearts and a desire to lift the burdens of those who have fallen on hard times. With that the man smiled again and took nearly three minutes to express his last words to me, "I have been blessed by your visit. God bless you and everyone."

God Bless everyone and let us remember there are many of our neighbors who need our help and are too proud to ask. They may live next door, down the street, around the corner, within our neighborhoods, cities and county. No child in this great country of ours should ever have to be hungry or cold. There are millions of people in need. Let us continue to band together to make our communities better places to live. Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

*Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

Thank you Dan Plutchok, editor of The Week, for your courageous ride for The Time Is Now, and for winning the First Celebrity for Charity Horse Race held at the Walworth County Fair. Also, thank you to Gary Magee for his superb jockey skills, Mamtrix and his owner Bob Mohr, and Gabe Wand for coordinating this wonderful event. The \$1000 purse will provide our local food pantries with approximately 5500 lbs. of food.

**Car Donation Update:** We have had some generous people donate cars; one couple has donated two cars and another couple has donated four. We are still in desperate need of decent cars in good working condition. Let's remember the rising costs of natural gas, electricity, fuel for cars, as well as the cost of good used cars which are simply out of reach for many. A good used vehicle is a Godsend for these people living in 2007 without transportation.

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The Time Is Now to Help donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now to Help donation box in your business, please call 262-249-7000.

**Golf Outing:** Monday, October 8, 2007, Golden States Foods will be hosting a golf outing to raise money for The Time Is Now at the Palmer Course at Geneva National. Corporate Hole Sponsors are needed. Hole prizes are available. Registration begins at noon. Contact Tom Ormsby at 262-472-7460 for more information.

**Pick 'N Save "We Care" Program:** Please sign up for the "We Care" program at your local Pick 'N Save. A percentage of each purchase will go directly to The Time is Now to Help. All you have to do is designate The Time is Now, account number **832410**, on your Advantage Plus Savers Club Card application, which can be done at the service desk.

**Please make checks payable to:** The Time Is Now to Help. 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 exactly what every penny of your donation provided for the poverty stricken.

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