

## INSPIRATION FROM THE J.D. MATCHING GRANT

Dear Readers,

I want to thank everyone for once again coming to the calling and helping us to meet our \$25,000 J.D. Development Matching Grant. For every dollar you give it will be matched by another dollar, so not only do we help the poverty stricken of our local communities with every penny donated, every dollar you donate will be doubled/matched by another dollar thanks to J. D. Development. God bless each and every one of you for continuing to Care and Share and acknowledging that help is needed throughout the year. To me the holiday season, especially the very moving time of Christmas and the true meaning of Christmas, is a time of a tune-up, a reminder to all of us, of what life's all about. It is up to us to carry the true spirit of life each and every day throughout the entire year. Once again, God bless everyone for Caring and Sharing and showing the true meaning of life. Sometimes life is taken for granted and the lives we have go unappreciated.

I received a letter from a neighbor who had mistakenly received a package that was addressed to her neighbor. As a good neighbor, she went over and knocked on the door. As she knocked on the door, she could hear a radio playing inside. She knocked a little bit louder, and after a few moments she heard, "I'll be right there". The radio had been shut off and a few moments later she heard, "I'm coming, please wait." More time passed, the voice sounded closer and once again she heard, "I'm almost there".

By then her curiosity was aroused about what was taking so long. Finally the door opened up a few inches but was stopped by something. Her first thought was that it was a security device of some kind, but then she noticed that the person inside was pulling on the door, moving themselves, pulling on the door, moving themselves, and finally the door was open wide enough that she could peer in. She could not see anyone yet because the person attempting to open the door was struggling in a broken wheelchair. Finally the person managed to get around the door and say, "Hello, I'm sorry it took so long". As the neighbor looked at the wheelchair she noticed one of the wheels was bent and the rubber wheel was off. The person had on a glove to prevent her from cutting her hand on the exposed metal rim of the wheel. As the person looked up with an anxious look she ironically asked, "Can I help you?" The neighbor told me she was so shocked she almost said, "No, can I help you?" but she caught herself staring at the contraption she was sitting in. Finally she said, "I'm sorry to

bother you,” and the person in the chair responded, “No, no bother at all.” The neighbor said, “I mistakenly received your package.” She handed the package through the door and was thanked.

The good neighbor could not help herself, she immediately went back and wrote me a letter asking that I please check in on the person who was obviously handicapped and in need of help. I could not find a phone number for the person in need, but we had the full name and address from the package. I later found out that this person did not have a phone.

I went over, knocked on the door, and once again, just as the neighbor described to me in her letter, I heard the radio in the background. It was not very loud, but loud enough that I had to knock a second time, louder. I went through the same routine the neighbor had as the person softened the radio and made their way to the door. It took some time before the door opened. Once again, the door opened against the broken wheelchair, and the person finally appeared, struggling to move the chair around the corner.

I introduced myself and explained I was from The Time is Now to Help. After further communication, and visiting with this wonderful person, I found that unless you get through all the proper red tape the government does not help you with a wheelchair. If you do not know how to get through all the bureaucracy you do not receive any help. It seems to be a way to get out of doing what is good for a fellow American. This person had actually pulled this wheelchair out of the garbage because the wheelchair this person had previously was in worse condition. I looked at the chair and you could see that it was very old and beat up. It had served its previous owners with dignity but now this chair was very worn and tired. It was bulky and heavy to move. One wheel was bent and there was no rubber on it. There were many sharp edges and the glove worn to protect her hand actually had cuts in it. I asked the person how long they had been putting up with that chair and their reply was, “A long time.”

I am sorry, but I do not waste my time anymore with the government, filling out applications and waiting months to get answers. It is too disheartening to see that this is what someone has to go through. I certainly find it hard to believe that someone would lie about needing a wheelchair. Yes, there may be someone immoral enough to try and receive anything for free they can get in order to sell them for profit. It should not be so difficult for the other 98% who really need a chair in order to help themselves get around. For all those that believe in our fellow creations of God and have faith, we should be willing to help throughout the year, each

and every day and every moment that a situation comes up to offer help.

After assessing this situation further I had to ask, “What does this person need?” As I looked around, I saw much was needed, and the income from the disability check would not cover the needs. The daily necessities of some small appliances, a refrigerator, a telephone for emergencies, disability aids, proper food, etc... even if this is a life in a broken body, it is still life and it should be cherished. So once again, together with all of your help, The Time is Now reached out to help. We got the much needed phone. We helped with the appliances to make life a little easier. We reached out to a company that we have purchased many wheelchairs from, Spinlife.com. They offer a great selection of wheelchairs at reasonable prices, delivered right to your door. The prices on wheelchairs have become more reasonable over the years so we were happy to be able to supply a motorized chair.

For those of you who can walk, take a moment out from time to time as you are rushing out of your home to your car, speeding your way through the grocery store, going through your errands like there is no tomorrow, and think about each and every step you are able to take. Think of the blessing of that. Don't take it for granted. If you're reading this, stand up, take a couple of steps and sit back down. Pause for a moment and say a prayer for those that cannot easily stand up and walk. When you reach out and turn the page of this newspaper, or hear this story on the radio and adjust the volume, or every time you reach for a door knob, think of those who do not have the capability or it is a great struggle for them to perform those simple tasks and thank God for those blessings.

It is very painful to be poverty stricken. What is worse? Being poverty stricken and handicapped, being poverty stricken and not being able to fend for yourself. Thank God for your multitude of blessings; and for those who are handicapped, I do not have to tell you, because most of you who I have met, thank God for your life. Together we need to pray for each other. We need to Care and Share to help one another throughout our lives. I thank all of you who are in need giving all of us the opportunity to share what we have been blessed with. May we not only take the time to cherish the movement we might have physically, but also to cherish the blessings that we have – not to take them for granted and to show our Lord how much we do care by sharing with those who are less fortunate.

I thank all of you for reading, and for Caring and Sharing. Remember at this moment the matching grant, for every dollar you give another dollar will be matched and 100% of every penny will be used to help others in need. Please help.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

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