

Dear Readers,

Together with everyone's Caring and Sharing, we have been busy helping many. Over these past few weeks we have been able to place six cars to help needy families. The much needed cars will enable these families to carry on with the many daily necessities of life, transportation to work, obtain food, doctor's appointments, etc.

All the recipients of these cars had one thing in common; they are all working, single mothers, and they are all very grateful. I would like to point out three situations during the delivery of these cars. One mother and child, as the keys were handed to them, held on tight to the keys and hugged each other as they cried, overwhelmed over their gift of kindness. No one had ever given her such a gracious gift and she was trying to emotionally understand how positively this was going to impact their quality of life. After the mother and daughter consoled themselves they managed to get in the car and drive off very happy and full of thanks to those who Care and Share through The Time Is Now to Help.

Another individual had been asking others for rides to work for the past several months. Keeping her job meant keeping a roof over her and her child's heads, putting food on the table and clothes on their backs. Whatever it took to keep her job, including walking to work two miles each way if there was no ride. When she received our call telling her we finally had a car for her, she was beside herself.

I would like to bring your attention to another one of the recipients of a donated car. This was a very emotional and thankful mother. We thought everything was fine, and she left. Later we found her pulled over to the side of the road. She was so overcome with emotions she was unable to drive. After about 20 minutes of talking and prayers she was able to continue on home. Think about how you would feel not having a car, all the important daily things you need your car to complete, and how much it means to your everyday life.

We presently have over 70 requests for assistance. When there are this many requests, it takes longer to financially help. I have to search out the most desperate situations. As I read a letter from a young girl stating they had their phone disconnected and very little food, I decided to take a ride and check out the

situation. What I found was a mother and two children. They had just over the last few months moved out of deplorable conditions. I knew the place they lived in, one of those “grandfathered” two story, make shift apartments, actually a garage. The daughter told me how she had tried having friends over but they would make fun of her living in a garage. Sometimes children can be very loving and kind, and sometimes the things children say can be very heart breaking. The mother searched for the opportunity and moved into a nicer, small apartment, but this was beyond their financial limits. When gas and food prices both went up they had nothing left to give up. She could no longer afford a phone and they had to cut their food expense drastically. They were living on what I have seen too often, noodles, potatoes, a nutritionally incomplete diet filled with the cheapest bulk starches. This diet takes a toll on your overall well-being. I immediately picked up some hot food, food gift certificates and gas vouchers. This woman was blessed to have a car, even though it was much older with very high mileage, it still ran. After they ate their first healthy hot meal in some time, I sent them to get some nourishing food with their gift certificates.

I met with them again the next day reviewing where they were financially. The landlord was already giving them a fair price for their apartment. I did contact the employer and explained to the employer her situation. The employer turned out to be one of our readers, acknowledged they were unaware of the situation, and very much willing to help. The raise that was given, seeing that the mother was a good employee, would enable the mother and children to purchase proper nutritional food and enable them to afford a phone. They are able to carry on thanks to all of us Caring and Sharing. Everyone, from those that provided funding for the gift certificates, food, and gas, to the gracious employer who is one of us Caring and Sharing, made a world of difference for this mother and her children. Together we relieved hunger, gave hope and restored dignity to fend off the pains of poverty. I want to thank you all for Caring and Sharing.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

**Please My Dear Friends attend the Walworth County Alliance for Children Fundraiser:** This is a very important project for those that love God’s children. Please join us. There will be a fundraiser held at the beautiful Driehaus estate on May 31, 2008, 5p.m.-9p.m., to benefit the Walworth County Alliance for

Children. The evening includes a reading and author signing by New York Times bestselling author Linda Lowery, music, a silent auction, gourmet buffet meal, wine and cocktails. Please be a part of protecting our women and children from predators. We need your help. Tickets are available for \$130 per person or \$225 per couple. Contact Evie Schultz at (262) 741-7198 or Gen Reed at (262) 723-4653 for more information and to purchase tickets. I look forward to seeing you there, W.C.

**Please Help:** Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. 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.

**A Special Thank You to:** Kunes Country Ford & Kunes Country Chevrolet & Cadillac, Paul Ziegler, Dick & Jean Honeyager, Phyllis Weeden in memory of Ken Weeden, Jay Ieronimo, Alan Homan, Richard Mertes, Elizabeth Cox, Walter Zimmerman Jr, Michael Kuhl, Virginia Moser, Donald & Marie Voss, J.D. Development, Bill & Lois McEssy, The Rhoades Foundation, Jackie Broz & James & Mary Burd in honor of John & Julie Koenen's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Joel & Dawn Katte, Joan Rietz, Richard McCue, Gerald & Marilyn Wilkin, Jim & Janice Batten, Robert & Donna Beecher, Louise & Clifford Morris, Margarie Egger, Harry & Phyllis Tiggemann, Blanche Klaehn, Flitcroft Septic Systems, ALL of you who support The Time Is Now to Help donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now donation box in your business, please call (262)249-7000.

**Desperately Needed Cars:** Once again we have a desperate need for used cars. If anyone has a car they are thinking of trading in or an extra car you are not using, please think of those who are in desperate need of transportation to get them to and from work so they can provide the daily necessities for their families. Without reliable transportation it makes their situation even more desperate. Please Care & Share.

**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.

**Goodsearch for The Time Is Now:** Search the web with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and help to raise funds for The Time Is Now to Help. Just make [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) your homepage, pick The Time Is Now as your charity and the rest is simple. You can even shop some of your favorite online retailers. It is a fun and easy way to help the poverty stricken in our area.

**Endowments/Helping Others through Your Will:** For those of you who wish to leave an endowment for the poverty stricken, we would greatly accept any gifts. Please think of those in desperate need, good people, living in fear of poverty and consider helping them through your will.

**Donate Stocks/ Mutual Funds, Let the Government Contribute:** Consider donating shares of appreciated stocks and mutual funds to The Time Is Now to Help and receive twice the benefits from your gift. Please call 262-249-7000 if you would like more information.

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