

Dear Readers,

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It is sad but times are tougher now than they have been for many decades. We Americans need to pull together to be strong, to see ourselves through this, until our government gets focused on by, for and of the people to make our economy strong for everyone.

I have received so many requests for help. I am full of sorrow for the pain of poverty that has stricken so many. It is one thing to sacrifice entertainment and the luxuries of life. It is another to sacrifice food, clothing, and utilities. In 2008 children should not be living in homes without electricity. In most instances this electricity is not needed for luxuries, such as computers and televisions. Together we are restoring electricity for refrigerators, respirators, inhalation treatments for asthmatics, air-conditioning for the elderly and those that suffer from chronic respiratory disease.

There is something that is missing in the big picture in our society that allows this type of poverty to go on. There are a lot of people struggling along working at jobs that do not pay very much. The employers cannot pay very much because their income has been cut. There are many businesses struggling. There are some that are thinking about shutting their doors, and others who have shut down, and this all reflects on the American people. We have a small snapshot of this situation in our own communities, but it's happening all across the United States.

With The Time is Now and all the good work we do together, which I could not do without everyone Caring and Sharing through the graciousness of their hearts, we are making a big difference in our local communities. We really, really do. I am often asked if we have seen an increase in requests for assistance. I can answer with a resounding, "Yes!" I cannot even begin to express the amount of fear and desperation I am hearing in people's voices, and seeing on their faces, everyday. The high gas prices create a ripple that affects so many things. Everything is affected from the drive you make to work all the way to the products we purchase that must be shipped to stores.

There are a handful of those that have been blessed with much, including the oil executives, that could make such a positive difference in

our world. I wonder if they could do some visits to the people in need, I wonder if it would give them a change of heart. Would they still be filled with greed or would they help by taking less profit.

We all have one thing in common. When we pass on, we all take the same thing with us. The oil executives leave this earth with the same material belongings that the rest of us do, nothing. The only thing we have is our soul, our conscience. I am not waiting until I am gone; I want to know for myself that I am living our Lord's will. Doing good works is contagious because you feel good about yourself. That is what it is all about. There is no better way than helping others, especially the less fortunate, the children, the elderly, the handicapped, those than cannot fend for themselves. There are many who need our helping hand, right now, good fellow Americans who have fallen on some very difficult times.

We will continue to make sure that every penny donated to The Time is Now goes to help the poor, easing their pain and suffering by providing the necessities of life, food, clothing, shelter, utility assistance, and toiletries. Once again it comes down to the private sector making a difference.

I have been approached by a great, God loving individual. This person, understanding the plight of the poor, had heard about some of the food pantries running out of food. He heard through me how many do not know where the food pantries are, that the food pantries do not have hours sufficient to serve the needy, and that they are rationing their food. I also told him how they are supported by God-loving volunteers that also need our help to support them in their effort. This individual told me, together with some friends, they would support the needs of the food for the food pantries and all that would be required would be to set a standard for all the food pantries together. These standards would be put together by utilizing the volunteer's vast knowledge, setting certain days that they are open, getting additional volunteers to support their direction and their leadership, having enough food stocked in order to provide ample food to each individual to last for the period of time between allowed visits to the pantry. They also want to provide help in finding jobs for those that are capable of working, to give them a hand up, not just welfare.

One of the standards would be to incorporate Second Harvest's good food. They need to advise Second Harvest that if the food is not good it

should be eliminated before delivery to the food pantries, to get volunteers in place so the food orders can be placed monthly, to utilize our great Scout volunteers, seeing that their efforts are fulfilled, getting the food to the pantries from the Pick 'n Save central gathering point.

Over the next period of time this is what needs to be organized to stop the hunger that is happening in our local communities. Working together we can make a difference. The number one request I get is for food. Together we need to make a difference.

Those of you that are waiting for thank you notes, I appreciate your patience. Please remember I spend most of my time helping the poverty stricken, but I do appreciate you and thank you from the bottom of my heart because without your Caring and Sharing The Time if Now would not exist. We would not do all that we do without your support. Our increase in requests reflects the worsening economy and there are many living with desperate need. I want to once again thank everyone for their support, for helping the poverty stricken, for protecting the women and children, and for Caring and Sharing.

Thank you for reading. God bless each and every one of you for your gracious hearts.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

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**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.

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