

# **Richard Driehaus's \$30,000 Matching Grant**

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Richard Driehaus has again generously offered The Time Is Now to Help a \$30,000.00 Matching Grant. This is the fifth year Richard has graciously stepped forward to help ease the pain and suffering of those living in poverty. For every dollar you donate, it will be matched by another. Now is the time to Care & Share for those less fortunate. Every penny will be used to help our fellow creations. Please help.

Dear Readers,

I received a letter requesting help from a single mother. As I read through the letter I could feel the love and devotion the mother had for her children. In addition to the letter, I had some background information from this family. They used to own their own home, the father had worked for many years at the same job, and was very well paid. Then a health care issue came up and the father needed a very expensive operation. The insurance company approved it at the hospital. After the operation the insurance company claimed they found a pre-existing condition that they felt was related to the condition requiring the operation and denied payment of the bill. This family lost their house, lost insurance coverage, and the father went into an extreme state of depression.

Knowing there are approximately 45 million Americans that do not have health insurance and looking into the situation of health insurance overall, there is quite an alarming state of abuse going on in our country. There have actually been confessions of doctors for large insurance companies before congressional hearings saying how they were paid bonuses for denying claims as they would save the company hundreds of thousands of dollars.

We would think in our great country this is not happening, but it is. In fact, for health care, our country rates one of the worst in the world for taking care of its citizens. There have been hundreds of millions of dollars given to political candidates by lobbyists supporting their interests. At the same time these same people vote in favor of the health companies being private organizations enabling them to get away with driving American families into filing bankruptcy and losing everything they have, by not covering their claims all while the Insurance companies make billions.

The other area of abuse is prescription medications. The pharmaceutical companies are charging whatever they want in America when you can go to some other countries and buy the same drugs for a fraction of the amount, all while our government looks the other way and allows the pharmaceutical companies to also earn billions. In the medical field the immoral abuse of the American public rages on.

One last point, if our government would do such a terrible job managing socialized medicine for every American, as we are told by the insurance industry and our politicians, even though our politicians have guaranteed health care provided by the government, paid by our tax dollars, why do we trust them to manage our countries finances with all our federal tax dollars? I guess we see that answer in the terrible condition of our economy. The federal tax base should stay in America until America is financially strong, except for assisting the most impoverished nations, not for countries bleeding our fellow American's into the pains of poverty. If we did that everyone would be middle class or better, no American would be left behind. Sorry my friends, all the poverty in our great country is emotionally and morally not acceptable.

As I went to visit this family and sat down with the mother and children the one child said, "I'm very special, and so is everyone." I thought that was very dear for this sweet child to say that. She explained that part of what made her special is that she had a handicap and she showed me how one of her limbs was disfigured. She said, "This makes me different and special in my own way." and she smiled. I thought what a brave, loving little girl; and she was happy. I looked at the mother and as the mother looked at me with wide eyes and a half smile on her face, I acknowledged, "Yes, you are special, and so is everyone else."

I proceeded to find out that the father had been driven to such a deep depression that he had suffered nervous breakdowns and was in an institution. This also was not paid by any insurance company since he was blacklisted as high risk and could not obtain health insurance. His medical care was being paid by the taxpayers through Medicaid, so once again Americans are paying the price. The insurance companies get as much out of us as they possibly can. When there is nothing left from both trying to take premiums from the healthiest and excluding or denying those that cannot obtain or afford insurance, we Americans are once again there to help our fellow Americans.

This poor family needed help with their utilities. They were on the verge of having their electricity shut off. They already had no telephone. Their food supply was very strained and they had very meager meals. The children were still happy. The mother was doing a wonderful job of supporting her children emotionally and getting by on what little they had. At the same time, the mother, deep inside, had

great sorrow for her husband, for their lost home they had once owned, and now they were living in a one bedroom, rundown apartment.

Together we did what we can to put some substance back in their life, some necessities back in their life as, once again, we as private Americans do the supporting while many capitalists take advantage of the masses. How sad. But the happiness we can share is that we provided them with meals, good meals. We provided them with electricity, phone service, and a used car, since they had none. I gave them some gas vouchers. We did a little networking to find suitable child care. We were able to find her a job and get her financially on a sound budget.

By our Caring and Sharing we take that special part of us deep inside our heart, deep inside our consciousness and we share goodness, kindness and the moral right to help one another.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

**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.

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