

Easing the Pains of Poverty

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The \$25,000 JD Development Matching Grant has been met and combined with \$25,000 in donations, for a total of \$50,000 to assist the many in need. God Bless everyone for their generosity in these difficult economic times.

Together we have helped many of our neighbors in need pay their rent, keep their utilities on, put food on their tables, provide transportation to jobs, desperately needed toiletries, and other daily necessities.

There were many in need before this financial crisis, now the requests for assistance have become more desperate and heartbreaking than ever before. Many are losing their homes and living without the basic necessities of heat, water...

Thank God JD Development, and you, our faithful supporters, stepped in to Care and Share at their most desperate hour of need. Thank you for confidence in The Time is Now to Help to provide the helping hand to our many neighbors living daily with the relentless sorrow of poverty.

The following is a breakdown of where every penny of the JD Development \$25,000 Matching Grant plus the \$25,000 in individual donations to make that match, for a total of \$50,000 was used.

Utilities: \$7,157.71= Electric: \$2,784.72 Gas: \$3,125.02 Telephone: \$488.64 Water: \$759.33 for a total of \$7,157.71

We are all well aware that winter has arrived. For many that means living in cold, drafty older homes and mobile homes. It also means high utility bills. Short days and long nights mean higher electric bills or living in the dark. Many people have been unable to even pay their budgeted gas and electric bills, which automatically disqualifies them from that program, forcing them to have even higher monthly bills. We have been able to help many with heat, electric, and water.

Rent: \$11,333.59 We prevented many senior citizens, families and single mom's from becoming homeless. Many are living in fear of eviction. It is hard enough living in a car with your family in the summer; can you imagine what it would be like in the winter? It is happening in the cities around us, it is happening everywhere. Due to your graciousness, your Caring and Sharing, we have helped many avoid becoming homeless.

Clothing: \$3,474.61 There were many children in need of warm winter clothes and boots. There were many women in need of suitable work attire in order to obtain or maintain a job to support their family.

Household Necessities: \$1,476.50 Household necessities are the everyday essentials we use to cook with, eat with, clean our homes with, towels, sheets, mops, brooms, plates, pans, utensils, and much more. Many people do without these daily necessities in order to pay their rent, utilities, and food.

Auto Assistance: \$8,764.90 We have been very busy getting cars repaired. Butch's Automotive completed repairs on several donated vehicles and made road worthy several vehicles that owners could not afford to repair themselves. We were able to purchase several reasonable vehicles from Kunes Country Ford & Chevrolet. We also paid for registration fees and license plates for several vehicles, and made some overdue car payments in order to prevent families from losing their only mode of transportation for work, doctors appointments, etc.

Food: \$8,584.99 While we refer all our recipients to our local food pantries, many are in need of food immediately. These families are supplied with gift cards to purchase food from our local grocery stores. Most immediately go to the store to purchase foods they haven't been able to supply their families with for months.

Toiletries: \$500.00 I have to say it again, yes there are families living without toilet paper, diapers, hygiene products, toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc. Your Caring and Sharing has alleviated the shame they had to endure due to the lack of these products. God Bless all of you for helping.

Home Repairs: \$7,690.00 Due to JD Developments, your generosity, and Lakeland Builders Help, we were able to provide materials, while Lakeland Builders Help did all the labor and provided some materials. A leaking, sagging roof was repaired for a senior widowed woman. We also provided a water heater for an ailing elderly couple living without hot water. We provided insulation for a single mom's house to prevent the pipes from freezing again, after we fixed the broken water pipes. The Lakeland Builders Help has been a Godsend for our home repair ministry.

Medical Assistance: \$710.20 We provided eye glasses for a senior woman and a handicapped gentleman. They were living daily with headaches and the inability to read anything. If you think this is not a necessity try living without your glasses and you will understand the tears of joy they shared in receiving this gift from all of you, our faithful supporters.

School Supplies: \$307.50 Returning to school is sometimes the only option to better your life. Unfortunately the costs of books and supplies can be prohibitive to that effort. We provided those to a woman to offer her a brighter future.

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Food:	\$8,584.99
Toiletries:	\$500.00
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Total:	\$50,000.00

Every penny donated was 100% utilized to ease the pain and suffering of poverty.

JD Development saw for themselves the unrelenting poverty in our midst. They felt the pain and suffering around us and stepped in to improve the many lives this matching grant touched. God Bless them and all of you for making this matching grant not only possible but a success. I want to share with you the outpouring of appreciation and thanks that every one of these recipients showed to all of you for making our life giving help a reality. Thank you and God Bless you for your Caring and Sharing.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

Summertime Foundation \$10,000 Matching Grant: We are very close to completing the Summertime Foundation \$10,000 Matching Grant. Now is the perfect time to donate when you know every dollar will be matched with another by the Summertime Foundation. Thank you to the Summertime Foundation for this wonderful opportunity. Together our Caring & Sharing will help ease the pain of living in poverty for many.

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: J.D. Development, Kunes Country Ford, Chevrolet & Cadillac, Dick & Jean Honeyager, Paper Dolls, GoodSearch, Kurt & Christine Brueckert, Ronald & Carolyn Bloch, Mary Kay Ring, Women of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Evelyn Pearson, Dorothy Butek, Joan Rietz, Hill n Dale HCE, Daniel Przewoznik, Peter & Marie Claude Schauer, 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.

Memorials: The following donations were given in memory of Jean Morrissey: David & Deborah Dorgan, Michael & Phyllis Patek.

McDonald's Fundraiser: Please join us Saturday, December 20th, 2008. For the sixth year Bill McEssy is donating 100% of his gross sales from his 6 local McDonald's to The Time Is Now to Help. Please eat at one of Bill's following McDonald's locations: Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva Wal-Mart, Elkhorn, Delavan, East Troy, and Burlington. Every penny you spend will go to help our local poverty stricken of our communities.

Needed Cars: Once again we have a 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.

Goodsearch for The Time Is Now: Search the web with www.goodsearch.com and help to raise funds for The Time Is Now to Help. Just make 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.

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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