

Dear Readers,

This past week we received an email concerning, "The power of sharing your story." This email in particular discussed the difference between sharing one personal story or sharing the effect your organization had on many. The Time Is Now to Help strongly relates to sharing with all of you. Weekly we share one story of a successful intervention by The Time Is Now to Help. We share how we helped to make a budget workable, helped to find a job, resolved housing insecurity, provided assistance to senior citizens and the handicapped for items or services they could never provide for themselves, including a wide variety of others we help. The only time we share the sheer volume of fellow creations helped by your donations is when we provide the detailed breakdowns for our matching grant campaigns.

This past year we have been provided with matching grants by a few different organizations and individuals. Every one of them truly cares about the well-being of our neighbors in need. Thanks to their generosity and compassion we are able to continue our good works. Donors are concerned over the children without sufficient clothing and food. Donors want to make a difference when given the details on an impending eviction and homelessness. They want to help when they are informed of a family or senior citizen sitting in the dark and/or suffering with hunger. Thanks to all of your support providing the matching funds for these grants these needs are met.

As we look over our accomplishments of the previous year we are happy to report we have been able to help over 600 of our fellow creations by providing assistance with shelter, utilities, food, transportation, clothing, toiletries, daily necessities, dental assistance, handicapped assistance and more. It has been a busy year filled with emotion for those in need. It is not always easy to see what we see and do what we do, but it is our calling. We feel the need to help in our hearts and God directs us in our path.

One of our wonderful supporters this year has been The Summertime Foundation. This past fall they provided a \$10,000 Matching Grant that provided \$20,000 in funding for the poverty stricken. This week we share where every dollar of these funds were spent to provide assistance to the poverty stricken.

**THIS IS HOW ALL OF US HELPED:**

**RENT/SHELTER = \$10,081.44**

Thanks to the Summertime Foundation and your generosity, we prevented homelessness for over 25 of our fellow creations. Senior citizens were saved the despair of being evicted. Working poor families were relieved to know they would not be homeless with their children. Single mothers, trying to raise children were given the assistance they needed to

prevent homelessness. Your donations, matched by The Summertime Foundation, provided the helping hand these fellow creations needed to stay sheltered, safe and warm.

**UTILITIES = Electricity: \$2,600**

Thanks to the The Summertime Foundation Matching Grant and your generosity, we paid electric utilities for families struggling through difficulties that would not only break a persons heart and spirit, but cause unimaginable financial struggle. Our fellow creations are suffering through illness and loss that left them unable to keep up with their electric utilities. Working poor families just trying to feed and shelter their children, had to choose food over electric bills. Disabilities and long term illness have taken a financial toll on many. God Bless all of you for providing these much needed electric utilities.

**FOOD = \$2,398.46**

Thanks to The Summertime Foundation Matching Grant and your generosity, many fellow creations will not go hungry. Christmas break and school closings, causing children to miss their breakfast and lunch assistance, are a major food concern for some families. We provided emergency food assistance with gift cards and emergency volunteer food deliveries. Many meals were provided for families, senior citizens and the disabled. Your donations helped to fill the cabinets, refrigerators and nourish the bodies for many of our poverty stricken neighbors. God Bless all of you for removing hunger.

**TRANSPORTATION = \$4,570.10**

Thanks to your generous donations, matched by The Summertime Foundation, we were able to repair cars for senior citizens and single mothers. We also provided gas vouchers for many of our recipients to ease the burden of transportation costs. Budgets continue to be stretched by the need for gas to get to jobs, doctors appointments, job interviews, etc. Thank you for providing this much needed assistance to our poverty stricken fellow creations.

**TOILETRIES = \$350.00**

You never know how much you appreciate toiletries until you have to live without them. Toilet paper, diapers, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, deodorant... All are necessary to maintain your personal hygiene. Maintaining your oral hygiene is especially important when you do not have dental insurance and you cannot afford a dental visit. Your donations provided these much needed items for many turning to The Time Is Now to Help for assistance.

**Grand Total: \$20,000.00**

As you can see every penny you donated, along with The Summertime Foundation matching funds, went to assist the poverty stricken. We feel so blessed to be supported by "You" and The Summertime Foundation.

Together we will continue to remove the many pains of poverty including, hunger, loneliness, fear and homelessness. Together we provide hope, compassion, care, shelter, food, ...all the necessities of daily life, through our Caring and Sharing. God Bless all of "You" for helping.

*Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone, W.C./Sal*

**Fox Charities \$25,000 Matching Grant:** God Bless Fox Charities for providing The Time Is Now to Help with a \$25,000 Matching Grant. Fox Charities will match every dollar you give, doubling your assistance to those in desperate need...especially now in our harsh cold winter.

**Please Help:** There are many coming to us in desperation. Our good fellow creations need our compassion. Together we make a big difference. Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 1, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. 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 how your donation provided assistance for the poverty stricken.

**A Very Special Thank You:** Fox Charities, Dick & Jean Honeyager, The Summertime Foundation, Clarence & Marilyn Schawk, Schawk Family Foundation, The Geneva Inn, Kunes' Country Stateline Superstore, Kunes' Country Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Employees, Paul Ziegler, Ziegler Charitable Foundation, Geneva Lake Development Corp., Robert & Kelly Borden, Building Reserves, Badgerland Financial, Martin Group, John Stensland & Family, Bernard Labovitch, Eye Physicians & Surgeons Staff, Cathy Erickson, The Brower Family, Peter & Ann Catlow, Kay Barrett, Robert & Sharon Foscatto, John C W & Eleanor C W, Michael Glass, Yvonne Mol, Joy Oleston, Donald & Gladys Keith, Joseph & Maureen Shaughnessy, Fred Zeller & Bette Popik, Robert & Patricia Davis, Patricia Christopherson, Joseph & Jacque Moser, Lance & Tracy Cromey, Roberta Collamore, Donald & Sharon Jerousek, Donald & Kim Parker, Robert & Mary Winter, Colleen Gardler, Sidney & Patty Johnson, William & Dorothy Tookey, Victor & Doris Kranitz, Peter & Gail Nieuwehuis, Eric & Susi Pike, Kenneth & Patricia Sommers, Nicole Hill, Kim & Tom Bushey, W.C. Family Resource Center/Food Pantry volunteers, and all the God loving volunteers of all our caring pantries, 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.

**Honoraries:** Mark & Ann Pienkos in honor of Stephen Pienkos.

**Memorials:** Wendy Kadau in memory of Aunt Jean V. Deist. Vern Magee in memory of Larry Magee. Kent & Nancy Castelein in memory Gilbert Stieg. Claudia Garber in memory of Gary Walsh & Arnie Hope.

**Furniture Donations:** Please contact Love, Inc. for all your furniture, clothing and household item donations. Call 262-763-2743 or 262-763-6226 to schedule pick-up. We are no longer affiliated with Chris Ann's Resale Shop.

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