

We often find our blessings come in pairs. That would definitely be the case this week as we have successfully matched the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant and been offered a new \$30,000 matching grant opportunity by Richard H. Driehaus. We are so motivated and honored to have the faith in our mission, The Time Is Now to Help, by not only all of “You” but also our matching grant donors. These successful and renowned supporters give credibility to our charity work. They bring attention to our mission to help remove the pains of poverty in our communities.

In the coming weeks we will be using the remaining Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant funds to provide shelter, food, utilities, transportation, toiletries, gas and so much more to the people waiting for our caring and sharing assistance. Letters desperately seeking our assistance are being read, evaluated and answered. When we have completed distributing every penny of the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant, with 100% of funds being used to provide poverty relief, we will immediately begin using the Richard H. Driehaus \$30,000 Matching Grant funds.

If you were to see the conditions we continue to find our fellow Americans living in you would cry tears of shame and sadness. How can so many people still be living in poverty in our communities? I hear this question all the time. I continue to find senior citizens unable to make ends meet on their social security after an unplanned expense, such as a dental visit, car repair or illness, devastates their well planned budget. These senior citizens will cut back on food and other daily necessities to avoid the shame and fear of being evicted. I also continue to find working poor families, those that live pay check to pay check working low wage jobs, lose everything when someone gets sick or a car breaks down. A large portion of our population lives this close to poverty every day. No one plans on cancer or other life threatening illness to strike, but when it does it can quickly devastate any of our fellow creations, both physically and financially. Thanks to all of “You” and the Barnabas donors we have been able to remove some of the financial devastation being felt by our neighbors in desperate need.

These past weeks, while raising the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant funds, we have been helping many of our fellow creations. We only share with you one letter each week, but during an average week we answer four to five requests for assistance. Since we began distributing the donations from this matching grant on September 20, 2016, we have helped over sixty of our fellow creations. Here is a summary of some of the people given help thanks to the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” joining in on the Caring and Sharing:

A friend wrote us a letter asking for help for her best friend. This woman, a young mother, had been diagnosed with cancer during her second pregnancy. As she chose to wait to treat the cancer to give the unborn child a few more weeks to develop, the cancer had spread. Now she is in the fight for her life, all while caring for a premature infant. We are so grateful to all of “You” that we did not have to ignore this friends request for assistance. We were able to provide food, rent and transportation assistance to ease their financial burden.

A teacher wrote for assistance for a family going through a difficult time after the death of the father. The widowed mother was not only trying to get through her grief over the loss of her spouse, she was also trying to get by financially without the support of her husband. With our new budget, changes made to their expenses, and first month's rent and security deposit on a more affordable rental, this woman will be able to get by when she begins her new job next week. What would have happened to this woman and children if there was not a caring teacher that brought her to our attention? Would they have become homeless and hungry? Thanks to all of "You" and the Barnabas donors we did not have to find out. They are on their road to healing from both their loss and their financial disaster.

A woman wrote in requesting assistance for her family. Her husband had become ill several months ago and had ultimately lost his job. After many tests and hospital procedures they finally found the cause for his continued health crisis. The woman worked full-time but did not earn enough to pay all the expenses for their family of three children. They fell behind in their rent and were on the verge of eviction when The Time Is Now to Help stepped in to provide our caring assistance. We provided rental assistance, utilities and food to ease their temporary financial burdens. Once the father was fully recovered from his surgery and feeling well enough to work he was able to resume his job and support his family once more. What if we hadn't been there to provide a helping hand during this health crisis? I thank God we were all there to prevent the almost certain eviction and hunger. It would have been a downward spiral they would not have been able to get out of on their own.

A handicap ramp was provided along with some much needed updates and modifications for a handicapped gentleman. Providing accessibility in a handicapped individual's home is priceless. After becoming handicapped due to an accident this man was not able to afford to make the necessary changes to his home. Being carried up stairs and not being able to reach sinks or easily navigate the bathroom is more than a hardship. Due to the handicap modifications made in his bathroom he was even able to take his first shower in months. His gratitude was so great it shown through his tears for the positive changes we were able to make in his life. Thanks to all of "You", the Barnabas donors and a very caring contractor we were able to make his life accessible once more.

These are just a few of the over sixty people helped over the past six weeks. I can assure you everyone we have helped and those still awaiting our assistance are as desperate as these few fellow creations we have shared with you. This was just a brief compilation of the poverty relief mission we continue thanks to all of "You" and the Barnabas donors. In a few weeks we will be sharing with you where every penny was spent of this most appreciated Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant.

As we continue to distribute the Barnabas \$50,000 Matching Grant, please consider donating to the Richard H. Driehaus \$30,000 Matching Grant. Your funds continue to be desperately needed to provide the poverty stricken senior citizens, the handicapped, working poor families, children and veterans in our communities with shelter assistance, utility assistance, transportation assistance, food, toiletries and the many other daily necessities. Every dollar of your donation will be matched by the Richard H. Driehaus \$30,000 Matching Grant, doubling your donation and the poverty relief you provide. Thank you, thank you for your

support in helping our fellow Americans in desperate need. God Bless “You” for your compassion and Caring and Sharing for God’s creations.

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

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.

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Honoraries: Mark & Natalie Reno in thanks for prayers answered.

Memorials: Ron & Patti Sarna in memory of Mary Schwinn. Roger & Mary Davis and Diane Bauman in memory of Sandy Woodward.

Prayer Chain: Please pray for healing for the following people: Mike, Caroline, Susan, Jennifer, Clarence, Jayden, Santina, Alex, Lily, Kaitlyn, Kynasha, Brandi’s Grandma, Marilyn, Sal, Corinne.

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