

4 Year Anniversary of Reporting *The Time Is Now to Help*

Dear Readers,

Today we celebrate our 200th Letter in The Regional News (4 year anniversary).

The Time Is Now to Help has been assisting the needy for more than 20 years. The goal is to bring attention to the fact that there are many people in southeastern Wisconsin living in extreme poverty and to seek help from the local newspapers, to spread the word to the poverty stricken, that there are people who care, and are willing to help.

This outreach to help was answered by hundreds of letters, reaching back for help. WC went into the communities finding elderly with no electricity, children sleeping on floors, handicapped individuals needing basic daily necessities, adults and children using free newspapers, shredded in buckets for toilet paper, bare cupboards, etc. Our communities have many living silently in their pain and sorrow of poverty, with only their pride keeping them hidden from ridicule.

In the beginning, there were hundreds of people reading the WC article. They would write in to inquire what *The Time Is Now to Help* was all about. Information regarding *The Time Is Now to Help*, came out in the newspaper, through an editorial. Since then, over 7 thousand readers have come to know *The Time Is Now to Help* column by WC.

The networking has touched thousands of hearts, who Care and Share about our fellow neighbors of our local communities. This awareness has brought together many churches, organizations of all types, and individuals from all walks of life. They all have common good hearts for Caring and Sharing.

Prior to writing in the newspaper, WC would search for those in need, himself. He would verify the authenticity of the need. He now works with the newspapers to bring an awareness of the local poverty stricken, as the focus of *The Time Is Now to Help*. WC brings together the networking of the needy with those who have Caring and Sharing hearts.

Many of the stories lead us to tears, but conclude with a joyful ending, due to our assistance. We would not have known about these local poverty stricken neighbors, without *The Time Is Now to Help*. They would have been left in their pain and suffering, living in fear, without the daily necessities of life, and living without hope of ever receiving help.

Due to the endless hours of searching, and with the help of social workers, school teachers, churches, public & individual groups/organizations, and neighbors, many have been found in need of help. Those who are affected by drug addictions or alcoholism are referred to clinics. Those who are lazy, who are unwilling to work at jobs found for them, are not helped. This would go against giving hard earned money to those who are capable but unwilling to help themselves.

The Time Is Now to Help has been a big supporter of the 14 local food pantries that service our local communities. *The Time Is Now to Help* has purchased over two hundred thousand pounds of food every year.

WC gives thanks to the organizations and individuals who have come forward and given; they have cared with their hearts, and shared what they have to help the less fortunate, a task WC could not do alone.

The Time Is Now to Help is a federally recognized 501c3 charitable organization, allowing donations to be tax deductible. Each person who donates receives a tax deductible, itemized thank you letter with a description of where every penny went. Never is one penny spent on *The Time Is Now to Help* overhead. Every penny is spent on the necessities of daily life for the poverty stricken, including: food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, household necessities, and shelter assistance.

Many individuals and organizations have sent in letters and cards with their own words of gratitude to WC. Here are some of their comments:

“From your newsletters, I sense you are a very humble man. You are the ‘stuff’ saints are made of. You give the rest of us something to aspire to.” Anonymous

“Thank you for being such a kind and caring person.” Kranitz Family

“I was touched by the article in the paper about the work you are doing.” Bach

“Thank you for doing what you are doing for those who are struggling.” Renners

“I read every article. I can’t wait to read each one. I cry then rejoice in the reversal of the circumstances.”

“We think this is a wonderful gesture to helping the needy. I enjoy reading the column each week.” Desings

“We are moved by how many people are in need in this area.” Zeasmans

“Thanks for the good work you are doing.” Magees

“You are an inspiration and a tremendous role model.” Leah

“May God Bless you for all your time and caring you put into The Time Is Now.” Joy

“It is nice to see a charity that doesn’t spend more fundraising than it does on helping others.”
Gail

“You are a great inspiration to all of us.” Jill

“We are touched by how you are able to help so many in need.” Meyers.

“Your stories are very moving. Keep up the good work.” Jahnke

“I read your articles on pain and suffering among our neighbors every week. It brings me to tears. I thank God for your service to those in need.” Val

“God Bless everyone that is involved with The Time Is Now.” Karen

“It is comforting to know 100% of the monies collected go to help those who are struggling or without hope.” Sue

“Thank you for the great work God has called you to do and for your faithfulness in doing it.”

“Thank you for writing your weekly column. I enjoy reading about all the people The Time Is Now to Help has been successful in helping.” Paul Ziegler

“You are a man of great compassion and love for humanity.” Karole Kettering

“I think what you are doing is generous because you take no financial compensation.” George Caravelli

“Simply knowing someone cares can turn a life around.”

“Your charity has been a very big help to the needy of Walworth County. We hope you can continue to be of service.”

“Thank you for reaching out to others. What you do is a great Godly example of how we are to live.” Julie Partridge

“The Time Is Now to Help is doing a wonderful service helping people get back on their feet.”

“It warms the heart to read the letter of those you have helped.”

“Your dedication and passion are a legacy to all of us.” Janis Hartley

“We read your article every week. It is nice to be able to contribute to a charity where all the money goes towards helping those in need.” Jerry & Thelma Meyer

“Thank you for helping others and reminding me and others how God has blessed us.” Dan & Kathy Flaherty

“The work you do is great, and we are proud to be part of it.” Laverne & Mary Kuecker

“Thank you for letting us know that there are people around us who need our help.” Bob

“Thank you for all that you do.” Robert & Liz Sanders

“It is a joy to read the good news you provide in the newspapers.”

“We admire your work, and especially your heart.” Barbara Morrissey

“Your dedication in helping others encourages us to do the same.”

“I am always touched by the stories in the newspapers. Thanks for publishing these true life stories that help make people aware.” Laura & Roger Chenore

“It is amazing how much you care for each person you help. Seeing the compassion you show in your column makes me feel good, which is why your article is always the first I read.” Janet Miller

“I can’t begin to express the blessings I receive from reading your column. You truly reflect the image of Christ.” Rueben & Lesley Blum

“Thank you for comforting all those in need. We are thankful for people like you.” Dan & Betsy

“Thank you for giving so generously. You are making a difference in our world.” Tom & Mary Earle

“We should all use our lives to touch someone else’s life. I have learned this from you. You inspire us all to do good things. God Bless you.” Andrea Miller

“Your integrity and compassion whatever, wherever, and whomever you help is an inspiration.” Mary Hayes

“WC, we hope you live forever.” Carl & Estrid Sanders

“Recognizing a need in someone’s life can be one of the greatest invitations from God you will ever experience. How fortunate are all those you have helped.” Lois Guif

“The first thing I do when I get my newspaper is find *The Time Is Now* article. I read it, then after I wipe my tears away, I feel good about the help that was given, and I make a copy of it to send to all my friends. Then I go back and read the rest of the paper.”

“I love to help people, but it is very emotionally draining. All of you, with your Caring and Sharing hearts, and your words of encouragement give me strength to caring on. Thank you.”

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With a personal thank you from, Sal Dimiceli Sr., founder of *The Time Is Now to Help*, and WC, Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone. Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

A photo collage has been included, of some of the many who have come forward with their organizations and clubs to help.

A Special Thank You To: ALL the readers for Caring and Sharing, 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 to Help* donation box in your business, please call 262-249-7000.

Please Help by Caring and Sharing. Send your donation to: *The Time Is Now to Help*, PO Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. Every penny of your donation will go to the needy for daily necessities of life including: food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, shelter assistance, and household necessities.

Please make checks payable to: *The Time Is Now to Help*. *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.

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.

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May we be an Example of Goodness by the Life We Live.
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