

Record Breaking Matching Grant =\$79,510.38

January, February, and March are usually our slowest in terms of donations. An increased need for assistance during the cold winter months unfortunately seems to coincide with the decreased funding available for that assistance. This winter, thanks to the Drescher Family Charitable Foundation's Matching Grant, we saw a huge outpouring of generosity from you, our donor's. We feel so blessed to be entrusted with your faith in our cause. You can be assured that every penny of your donations will be put to good use helping the many poverty stricken in our area. Many donor's specified their funds be used for the new W.C. Food Pantry/Family Resource Center. The updating to our location is nearly complete and our first shipment of food is eagerly being awaited. This would have never been possible without the Drescher Family Charitable Foundation Matching Grant, and you our faithful contributor's.

Together we will be easing the pain of poverty for our fellow creations. God Bless You. In the near future we will share with you how every penny of the \$79,510.38 in matching funds was spent. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Dear W.C.,

An elderly friend of mine is in the hospital. She asked me to care for her pet while she is in the hospital. I have been bringing in her mail and noticed many collection letters from utility companies. I happened upon an eviction notice on her countertop while caring for her pet. She has not said anything to me about her financial state but I am quite concerned. Her refrigerator and cabinets are bare of food and her house is quite cold. She asked me to please not turn up the thermostat. I am not really in the position to help that much since I am working full time at a low paying job but I know help is needed. I don't know how to bring up this delicate subject with her but I am so worried. She did admit to me she has been laid off work for several months. I was hoping that maybe you could talk to her since you have much more experience with these matters.

A Concerned Friend

Dear Friend,

I visited your friend at her home after she came home from the hospital. Yes she was in desperate need of our assistance. She had no food in her home and she was on the verge of eviction. Your keen eyes kept her from ending up on the street. Her pride prevented her from confessing to you how bad her financial state really was. She had not been able to pay her rent or utilities since losing her job in this harsh economy. She was so stressed from the job loss and impending eviction she developed

pneumonia. Now she has medical bills on top of everything else. Even though she qualifies for financial aid, it will take several months to be approved.

We spoke at length about her job search and skills. She had a good job and was very healthy before the recession hit. Then her job was eliminated in a downsizing and her health deteriorated quickly under all the stress. The only stress relief she has is the unconditional love from her pet. She is actively searching for another job. She knows she will have to downgrade her expectations and is willing to do so. She would be happy to have any job at this point but they are hard to come by, especially while recuperating from an illness, and being older than most applicants.

We spoke about our soon to open W.C. Food Pantry/Family Resource Center. She has never accepted charity before, or ever needed to. Unfortunately, there are many newly poverty stricken people in our midst. Women, men, children, seniors, the handicapped, are all finding it increasingly hard to get by. We have been assisting the poverty stricken for many years, yet I have never seen anything as bad as now. I have never seen so much hunger and pain. My heart aches for the many suffering through job losses, foreclosures, and homelessness.

We helped this woman bring her rent and utilities up to date. We provided her with food and gas vouchers. These will help her regain her health and continue her search for a better job. For now she has taken a low paying job just to pay the bare minimum of bills. She is being very frugal with her utilities and other expenses. She anxiously awaits the opening of our W.C. Food Pantry. A local pet store donated enough pet food to last until she is more self-sufficient. At the last minute the landlord came forward and reduced her rent substantially. He said he was moved to be part of our good works to help.

We all feel helpless during these hard economic times. We need to pray for our families, our friends, our neighbors, our country, our world and where ever we can help improve the lives of those less fortunate around us, we must help. I have always felt if everyone did one kind deed for another, helping during an illness, driving a senior to the grocery store or doctor, delivering a meal to a shut-in, etc. this world would be a much better place for all of us. We all can Care and Share, especially now during this recession.

Thank you to all who donated during our Drescher Family Charitable Foundation Matching Grant. Together with everyone's Caring and Sharing we have touched the lives of many people living in poverty and provided them with the daily necessities to ease the pains of poverty. The children, the elderly, the handicapped, the broken families, all count on us to come together to Care and Share. Please help.

Love & 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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Food Pantry info: If you would like to volunteer at the W.C. Food Pantry/Family Resource Center please call Frank Guske, Jr. at (312) 656-6178. Frank is coordinating all volunteer efforts and making sure our food pantry is staffed properly.

Desperately Needed Cars: If anyone has a car they are thinking of trading in, or an extra car you are not using, please think of sharing it with one of the many in desperate need of transportation. It will provide them with the ability to get 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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