

## Summertime Foundation Matching Grant Helps Many

Dear W.C,

1/5/09

I have been fired from my job because my car is so unreliable. It needs several hundred dollars in repairs that I cannot afford. My employer tried to be patient with me but until I get reliable transportation I am out of work. Now I have been unable to pay my rent for the last two months and my landlord says I have to evict after Christmas. We are out of food, have no money for food, and live too far from anything to walk. I have nowhere to turn. I am a single mother with a young child and really want to get my life in order.

Please Help,

A Desperate Mom

Dear Readers,

This is just one example of the hundreds of letters I have been receiving lately. Transportation is essential for any successful employment. Many people are driving older vehicles that need a lot of maintenance to keep them running. That is fine if you are mechanically inclined and can do your own repairs. For the many single moms, handicapped, and senior citizens that write for assistance this is usually not the case.

When you are not a reliable employee you are usually let go. That then makes it impossible to pay for rent, utilities, food, and other household necessities.

The following is the breakdown where every penny was spent for The Summertime Foundation \$10,000 Matching Grant, combined with the \$10,000 in generous donations from you, totaling \$20,000.00:

**Utilities: \$6,625.00 = Electric: \$3,150.00 Gas: \$2,600.00 Telephone: \$625.00  
Water: \$250.00 for a total of \$6625.00**

We have been able to help many pay their extremely high natural gas and electric bills. We are all seeing the high utility bills arriving in our mail boxes. When you are unemployed, ill, a senior citizen on a fixed budget, or handicapped those bills can be overwhelming and insurmountable. We have enabled many to keep their thermostats at a comfortable level.

**Rent: \$6,775.00** Due to your Caring and Sharing, we have helped many avoid becoming homeless or burdening our already overburdened homeless shelter. Our goal is to keep everyone in their homes, apartments, mobile homes, where ever their place of shelter may be, and work out a budget to keep them there.

**Clothing: \$449.55** This was spent on much needed winter coats and boots for several families. These children were so grateful to have a coat and boots that fit and kept them warm.

**Auto Assistance: \$3,986.04** Again, we provided many vehicle repairs through Butch's Automotive. Several were in need of towing to get there. They are all now running and providing much needed transportation safely. We also paid several overdue car payments to prevent a single mom from having her car repossessed.

**Food: \$467.22** Immediate, emergency food assistance was given to families without any food. Several Christmas dinners were provided to families that would have had none.

**Beds: \$225.78** I've said it before, and yes I will say it again. There are children sleeping on floors without a bed of their own. A mattress of their own can be the greatest gift.

**Appliances: \$570.41** Due to Summertime Foundations and your generosity we were able to provide a new washer/dryer to a handicapped single mom that had none. This will save her the time, inconvenience, and expense of going to a Laundromat.

**Handicapped Assistance: \$300** We provided a handicapped senior citizen with medical alert service so they could continue to live independently. When you live alone with a disability, the risk of falling or a medical emergency is very high. If you fall and there is no one there to help you up, or you are injured, it can be life threatening.

**Medical Assistance: \$610.00**

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<b>Appliances:</b>	<b>\$570.41</b>
<b>Handicapped Assistance:</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Medical Assistance:</b>	<b><u>\$601.00</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Every penny donated was utilized to help the many poverty stricken in our area. Summertime Foundation was moved by the stories of need and hardship we share with you every week. There are many more letters that bring tears to my eyes every day that I do not share with you, my dear readers. This matching grant provided us all with an excellent opportunity to meet those needs, ease those hardships, all while doubling our donation. It is a win, win situation in my book. That is why I am so happy to be provided with another generous matching grant opportunity immediately. The Drescher Family Charitable Foundation has offered to match “every” donation during the months of January, February, and March of this year. We are excited to embark on our next matching grant challenge with you, our dear Caring and Sharing supporters. Thank you for the assistance you have provided through the Summertime Foundation Matching Grant and our new Drescher Family Charitable Foundation endeavor.

*Health and Happiness, 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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