

MLH \$25,000 Matching Grant = \$50,000 of Caring & Sharing

Dear Readers,

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This has been a busy season of Caring & Sharing for our fellow creations trying to survive the pains of poverty. Most people are extra busy during the holiday season with shopping, parties, wrapping gifts, visiting friends and family, cooking, etc. We at The Time Is Now to Help devoted ourselves to Caring & Sharing for the many families, senior citizens, children, and handicapped living in the most desperate of conditions. Your overwhelming response to the MLH Matching Grant inspired us to help as many people as we could, as quickly as we could. We worked right up to Christmas evening until all the funds were distributed to help our fellow American's living in need. Thank you for your Caring and Sharing.

We spent many days and nights crying, hugging, offering words of advice and encouragement, praying, and listening to the most heart wrenching life stories. We would not have wanted to spend our holiday season any other way. No matter how many people we help, the people we could not offer assistance to fills our hearts with sadness. We want you to know we think of everyone of our donors when we consider a request for assistance. We go over every aspect of the budget and life styles of those we help. We ask questions, often questions that are as hard to ask as they are to answer, and expect honest and truthful answers. We do this to be sure our assistance is going where it is truly needed.

My friends, there are so many fellow creations in desperate need at this time. I would like to stop every single mother and child from becoming homeless, help every senior citizen to have food and heat, make sure every person living with a disability has whatever special needs are required. Thanks to all of your Caring and Sharing, your kind donations and words of encouragement, together we are helping improve the lives of many, easing their pains of poverty. A very special thank you to MLH for inspiring many to follow your heart. Together, we are doing God's work, loving and caring for one another.

THIS IS HOW WE HELPED:

RENT = \$13,920.00

We received many requests from and for people living on the verge of eviction. It is a very real crisis during this recession. Unexpected job loss or illness can quickly turn into becoming homeless. We assisted many that were already dealing with homelessness and found them temporary shelter at a motel until we could find an apartment they could afford or receive their rental assistance. We paid rent for several people going through debilitating chemotherapy or recovering from surgery. We offered shelter to bewildered children, unable to understand why they were thrown out of their homes. We eased their pain and suffering by removing the stress of homelessness. Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

UTILITIES = \$5,698.58 Total Gas: \$3,672.00; Electricity: \$1794.58; Telephone: \$232.00

We paid overdue gas and electric utilities. We provided a telephone to a woman who must leave her elderly grandmother home alone when she goes to work. This allows the woman to check on her when she is at work. You have no idea what it is like to live without heat, electricity, or a telephone unless you have gone through it yourself. When you have you know how important these most basic needs can be.

FOOD = \$7,172.74

Even with our wonderful W.C. Family Resource Center, the other local food pantries, and the many wonderful volunteers, there are still many living without food. There are many that still do not know we are here to help. Many do not have a car or gas, are sick, or handicapped. Hunger is a huge problem in our great country and many fellow American's are still going to bed hungry each night. Through The Time Is Now to Help, together we will feed many.

W.C. FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER = \$6,000.00 = 31,579 lbs. of FOOD

Food was purchased for the W.C. Food Pantry at a greatly reduced price from America's Second Harvest in Milwaukee. As more people become aware of the W.C. Family Resource Center it is serving a larger and larger population each month. We helped to stock the shelves with healthy, life giving food.

TOILETRIES = \$869.50

We have had many single mothers writing to us asking for diapers, tooth paste, toilet paper, or feminine hygiene products. You would be shocked how many families have to choose rent or food over these items we take for granted. Even after all these years I have been assisting the poverty stricken, I still find it deeply troubling when I find infants without diapers and homes without toilet paper.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$2,259.50

We assisted families with bedding, towels, pots and pans, utensils, small appliances, etc. Many had been homeless and were finally able to move into a small apartment. They did not have any of the household necessities to prepare a meal, make beds, or even towel off after a shower. We provided those much needed items thanks to your Caring & Sharing.

CLOTHING = \$2,925.84

We provided winter clothes, work attire, coats, boots, shoes, sweaters, pants, shirts, for senior citizens, adults, and children.

BEDDING = \$787.00

Again, previously homeless individuals and families were in need of a mattress to sleep on.

When you have been homeless there is nothing more welcoming than your own warm, comfortable bed and a roof over your head.

TRANSPORTATION = \$9,266.84

We have more requests for cars or car repairs than ever before. So many people are driving unsafe vehicles, on unsafe tires. We provided several cars for people on our waiting list that no longer had any transportation. We installed tires on several cars unable to drive safely on our winter roads. We had repairs completed on several cars well overdue for repair work.

PET CARE \$1,100.00

One of our donors request was for their \$1,000 donation to go towards pet food for the W.C. Family Resource Center. We were assisted with this purchase by our wonderful local Petco. They helped us every step of the way with our pet food purchase and offered a wonderful discount. Thank you Petco and thank you donor. So many families are requesting pet food from the W.C. Family Resource Center. To many people their pet is their only friend and companion. They will share their small amount of food with their animal friend if pet food is not available to them. I often find widowed elderly with no one, abandoned by everyone except their pet. These pets offer them unconditional love. They give them a purpose to face each day. How can we refuse to help, especially when that person breaks down in tears over the thought of being unable to feed their loving pet. Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

Total: \$50,000

As we now approach the New Year I want to offer a special thank you for all of your support and Caring and Sharing over this past challenging year. We could not have done this alone, without the help of all of you, our friends and supporters. I wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed New Year filled with health and happiness.

Please remember our Christmas Blessing \$25,000 Matching Grant to carry us into the deep of winter. Long after the Christmas tree is taken down, the presents forgotten, our fellow creations are still in desperate need. They are living with poverty every day of the year. Only our Caring and Sharing hearts will see our fellow creations through these desperate hard times.

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

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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Memorials: Dorothy Butek in memory of Richard & Adeline Baumstark. Ron & Desiree Lipowski in memory of Eli's Birthday.

Please Volunteer: The W.C. Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Please call (262)348-0600 and leave your name and phone number. We need your help.

We Desperately Need Cars: Please donate a used car to help our fellow American's get to work and other daily necessities.

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