

Bill McEssy's McDonald's Day=\$34,851.34 of Caring & Sharing

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Thank you to Bill McEssy and all who participated in our 2009 McDonald's Day fundraiser on December 19th, 2009. Everyone who ate at one of Bill's six local McDonald's or contributed their change in one of our donation boxes helped to raise \$34,851.34 for our local poverty stricken. Every dollar given has been used to assist our neighbors in financial despair.

A description of where every penny of the \$34,851.34 was spent is being provided below.

Thank you again for Caring & Sharing. Together we make our communities a better place to live.

THIS IS HOW WE HELPED:

RENT = \$11,738.00

Dear W.C.,

My husband and I lost our jobs last summer. We then lost our home to foreclosure several months ago and were living at a motel for a few weeks until our money ran out. We are living in a friend's basement just to keep from being homeless but it is putting a lot of strain on our family and our friend's. My husband just got a job again and we would like to move out but do not have money for a security deposit. Can you please help us get out of our friend's basement and into an apartment of our own?

This is one of many letters I have received pleading for rent assistance. Due to the high rate of job loss and foreclosure many are losing their homes and shelter. We helped this family move into an apartment and provided them with the helping hand they needed to start their new job and care for their family.

UTILITIES = \$6,292.60=Gas: \$2,860.00; Electricity: \$2,517.60; Telephone: \$915.00

Dear W.C.,

I am a senior citizen and I can't keep up with my utility bills. I keep my thermostat as low as I can and do not turn on any lights but it is still too high for me to pay. Social Security and Medicare just don't cover all the living expenses and medical expenses a senior citizen, even one living extremely frugally, has.

Dear W.C.,

My family has been living without electricity for several months. My wife lost her job and now we are really having a hard time. She is looking for another job but they are so hard to find. An American family just can't get by on one job.

FOOD = \$8,748.50

Dear W.C.

We just visited the W.C. Family Resource Center and were so relieved to be treated with dignity. We received enough food for our family to eat nutritiously while my husband looks for another job. I was so worried about my first visit but they made it as relaxed as possible. Thank you for referring us to this wonderful resource.

Dear W.C.,

I am a single mother that is struggling to get by. My husband disappeared and took our only car. I have been left with two hungry children, bills, rent overdue, and no way to pay for everything. I am so worried because we have no food left in our house. The kids have breakfast and lunch at school but what do I do about dinner and on weekends? Please help as soon as you can.

Some of the funding for the food category came from the donation cans placed in Bill's six McDonald's restaurants. It is amazing how change adds up. It provided almost 26,315 lbs. of food to the W.C. Family Resource Center at 19 cents a pound from America's Second Harvest. We also provided food vouchers and emergency food assistance to many families.

TOILETRIES = \$500.00

Dear W.C.,

My husband, children, and I were all sick for several weeks. I am a waitress and missed work which meant I had no tips for several weeks. My husband works on commission so his missing work meant we lost income for those weeks. Now we find ourselves having to live without the most basic needs. Our youngest child is still in diapers and we are out. We are almost out of toilet paper. How can a few weeks of being sick set you back so far?

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$300.00

Dear W.C.,

We are just starting over after we lost everything to a fire. We are in most need of towels, sheets, and dishes. Our insurance is going to take some time to settle. I never realized how hard it was to live without the most basic things we take for granted every day.

TRANSPORTATION = \$3,305.37

Dear W.C.,

My young daughter is sick and in the hospital in Milwaukee. I need a reliable car to drive me back and forth daily to visit and for when she gets out, to drive her for treatments. The car I have now is very old and unreliable. I have broken down several times this month already.

Dear W.C.,

I have finally gotten a new job after losing my job last summer. Now I am worried my car will not be able to handle the daily commute. It needs some repairs that as a single mother I cannot afford. My job is our life line. Please help.

BEDS=\$470.00

Dear W.C.,

We just moved out of the homeless shelter into a small apartment. There are many things we need to start over but I am asking for a bed for my two children. They are sleeping on the floor and they wake up every morning saying their back hurts. A bed for them to share would be wonderful and I would be the most appreciative mother in the world.

APPLIANCES=\$622.87

Dear W.C.,

I am concerned about a senior citizen I know. She is living in a mobile home but has no working appliances. Her refrigerator and stove do not work at all. I don't know how she prepares food for herself and even keeps any food safely in the house. She really needs some assistance.

We not only provided a stove and refrigerator, we also filled her refrigerator with food and brought her utilities up to date.

DENTAL ASSISTANCE=\$472.50

Dear W.C.,

I have been living with pain in my mouth for a few months. I have no dental insurance and am unable to pay to have the work that needs to be done completed. I can't eat or sleep it is so horrible. Please help.

We worked with a Caring and Sharing dentist to provide the work needed at a much reduced rate. This senior woman can now eat and sleep without constant pain.

CLOTHING=\$301.50

We provided a family living in the homeless shelter with clothing and shoes for their children and clothing for the mother to go to job interviews.

HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE=\$1,300.00

We provided someone living with a very debilitating condition brought on by their paralysis with the equipment they needed to live much more comfortably. This was not covered by Medicaid but was provided to The Time Is Now to Help at a much reduced rate. This will make a vast improvement in the recipient's quality of life.

HOME REPAIRS=\$800.00

We provided a much needed home repair for a senior citizen living independently. They could not have afforded this repair themselves.

TOTAL: \$34,851.34

This is a small sampling of the many letters requesting assistance I have received in each of these categories. Many needed help in more than one category. Thanks to you and Bill McEssy's Caring and Sharing we were able to help our fellow creations live a much improved life. Thank you.

The letters The Time Is Now to Help has been receiving are becoming more and more desperate. Many are hearing about our mission when it is almost too late to help. We need to reach out to our neighbors in need and offer them a helping hand, before they are evicted, cars repossessed, utilities disconnected, phones shut off, pantries and refrigerators emptied. Many are already dealing with disabilities and illness that has left them even more vulnerable and feeling hopeless. Let's work together to offer them the same positive loving care that all mankind should have for one another.

Every penny you donate, 100%, goes to the poverty stricken for daily necessities of life: food, clothing, utilities (gas, electric, water, telephone), shelter, toiletries, household necessities, vehicles, and car repairs. Together we were able to make a remarkable difference in all the lives we touched. Many hours were spent investigating every letter we receive. I thank all of you, and Bill McEssy, for your support to *The Time Is Now to Help*. Together we make a big difference helping our fellow creations of God.

Please remember our Christmas Blessing \$25,000 Matching Grant. Every dollar donated will be matched by another. Thank you and God Bless you.

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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Nancy Dirksmeyer, W.C. Family Resource Center/Food Pantry volunteers, 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 donation box in your business, please call (262)249-7000.

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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