

## Together We Can Make a Difference

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We just received the wonderful news that the Richard Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust has granted The Time Is Now to Help a \$30,000 Matching Grant. This matching grant will begin immediately. There could not have been a better time to announce this generous opportunity due to the overwhelming amount of requests for assistance The Time Is Now to Help is receiving. We are very thankful to be offered this grant and humbled by the amount of assistance it will mean to the many people struggling in poverty in our area. Please consider donating at this time as every dollar you donate will be matched by the Richard Driehaus Matching Grant. Thank you for caring and sharing.

Dear W.C.,

I am a single mother that is ashamed to say I am having financial problems. Now that summer is here my children no longer receive their free breakfast and lunch at school. Due to our financial position they qualified for free lunch and breakfast at school this year. I'm sorry to admit these were the only two full meals they had to eat all day. Now that I have to buy food we are also living without gas since it was disconnected. We bath in cold water and have no gas to cook with. The recession has hit us hard, just like so many others. I have applied for assistance but they seem to be as overwhelmed as we are. It could take months or years to receive any. I would not ask for help if I thought there was any other way to help my children. They are the ones suffering the most.

Dear Readers,

There are so many of our fellow creations barely getting by. Some are living without utilities. This means no hot water for baths or showers, no gas or electric for cooking, no refrigerators to store your meager amount of food in, no lights, no air conditioning for senior citizens or the handicapped. Yes, many fellow American's are still in need of food. Our neighbors are proud, too proud to walk around with a sign saying they are hungry or need our assistance. I know firsthand as when I was a child my own mother was too proud to tell anyone our electric was off and she would never ask for help, even when food was scarce.

The Time Is Now to Help is the voice for these neighbors of ours that are suffering in silence, behind closed doors. I have over 300 requests for assistance from our fellow American's that desperately need our help. Please consider caring and sharing at this special time by donating during our matching grant. Every dollar you give will be matched by another, doubling your donation. Every one of those dollars will be used for food, utility assistance, housing assistance, transportation for work, clothing, household necessities...

Remember that 50-60% of students are on the free/reduced meal programs at schools in our area. Now that school is out that means these same children, children of God, are suffering without enough food or doing without utilities in order to eat. As our government flounders to recover, we cannot wait. It is up to us, the people of America, to make the difference. Our fellow creations desperately need our help to survive. Please help. Please Care and Share.

*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.

**Gage Lake Geneva Cruise Line Helps:** We have been offered another wonderful fundraising opportunity by Gage Lake Geneva Cruise Line. They are offering every Thursday evening a Cocktail Cruise to benefit The Time Is Now to Help. This cruise is available every Thursday boarding at 6:15 p.m. and returning at 8 p.m. The cruise features a hi-lite tour of the lake shore estates, entertainment, and a complimentary boarding beverage. When calling for reservations you need to mention code: TIN (Time Is Now) and we will receive \$10 of each ticket sale. Individuals, groups, or your organization will be honored for caring and sharing. What a great way to enjoy the beauty of Lake Geneva and give back to those less fortunate in our area. Call (262) 248-6206 for reservations.

**A Very Special Thank You:** Paul Ziegler, Badger FFA, Teacher Tom Sheeley and students of the Badger High School Automotive class, Delavan Service League, DJ Flitcroft, Martin O'Brien, William & Kimberly Basford, Muriel Lake, Jon Reavis, Lillian Rudolf, Tom & Joyce Roche, Frank Huml, Jr., Jack & Nancy Hartung, Albert & Ellen Burnell, Shawn & Donna McLafferty, Don Mehring, 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.

**Memorials:** Dorothy Butek in memory of her parents Adeline & Richard Baumstark & her Uncle John Baumstark.

**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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