

Richard Driehaus \$30,000.00 Matching Grant

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The Time Is Now to Help is happy to announce our sixth annual Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust \$30,000.00 Matching Grant. Richard has found it in his heart to graciously help the many living in poverty. His faith in our organization drives us all to make a positive change in the lives of the poverty stricken: the children, elderly, handicapped... good fellow American's that have fallen on hard times. Richard's inspiration and generosity makes it the perfect time to make a donation of any amount, knowing it will be matched dollar for dollar. Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

Dear W.C.,

I am a senior citizen living on my own. I have out lived my spouse and children and do not have any contact with other family members. I receive a social security check that barely covers my rent and utilities. I am thankful for my daily meal from Meals on Wheels. If it wasn't for them I would not have any hot meals or visitors. I usually eat half my meal for lunch and the other half for dinner. I can't afford any other food. The reason I am writing is I cannot seem to pay my utility bills, even though I use the bare minimum of electricity and gas. I am sorry but I have fallen behind and now they are threatening to shut everything off. They will no longer take what little money I offer. I have applied for energy assistance but I am on a waiting list. I seem to spend my days filling out papers and making phone calls to keep the assistance I need. I am not as sharp as I used to be after a slight stroke. The fear of living in the dark has me crying from the time I get up until I cry myself to sleep.

An Overwhelmed Senior

Dear Readers,

This is one of the many letters I receive from senior citizens. It is a rough time to be elderly or disabled living on a small fixed income. This senior seemed to have applied for the services needed but still was not receiving adequate care, living in a small modest place, as frugal as possible.

The spouse had passed away from cancer several years ago. Both children had died many years ago, one as an adult in a motorcycle accident and the other from an illness as a child. The loss of their last child is what caused the spouse to grieve endlessly and never recovered from the loss.

We went through their bills and sorted out what needed to be paid. I suggested some alternative home care ideas to pursue. We assisted with past due utilities and paid some into the future. I contacted a neighbor I knew who volunteered to drive to the food pantry. After

the first visit they were pleasantly surprised how nice everyone was at the food pantry. This helped remove their anxiety over going to the food pantry. We discussed some other services that were available.

I left the house feeling sad for the many losses and health struggles but happy we were there to make a big difference. We removed the fear of being alone. We provided much needed help with day to day necessities. We networked friendship of caring volunteers. Together we helped our fellow creation live a better life.

Please take advantage of Richard Driehaus' Matching Grant. There are many fellow creations desperately in need of our help to ease their pain and suffering of poverty. Please Help.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

Health & Happiness, God Bless, 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.

A Very Special Thank You: Martin O'Brien, James & Janice Batten, William & Sandra Blaesing, Frank & Diane Caldario, Ruth Dean Przewoznik, Margarie Egger, Marvin & Audrey Hersko, Ellen Flanagan, Lu Schinke, Joseph & Jacque Moser, John & Vickie Geier, Albert & Ellen Burnell, Jim & Marilyn Dyer, Drescher Family Charitable Foundation, W.C. Family Resource Center/Food Pantry volunteers, Paper Dolls, Michael & Sue Borden, Dick & Jean Honeyager, Bill & Lois McEssy, 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.

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. Please volunteer for a two hour shift Wednesdays or Saturdays, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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

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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