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Christmas Blessing \$25,000 Matching Grant = \$50,000 in Poverty Assistance

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our Christmas Blessing \$25,000 Matching Grant. We were able to provide \$50,000 in much needed assistance to many poverty stricken in our area. To someone struggling to survive joblessness, homelessness, and illness during these harsh economic times we were a blessing, thanks to your generosity and compassion.

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

THIS IS HOW WE HELPED:

RENT = \$21,055.95

This was our largest area of assistance. So many single parents, children, senior citizens, and handicapped were facing homelessness and eviction. It is the number one area of concern for those writing to The Time Is Now for help. People are living in constant fear of losing their apartment or home. Most people are now living pay check to pay check and when that income stops they have nothing to fall back on. Housing assistance is still overwhelmed with requests and our homeless shelter has a long waiting list. Where are these families to go? Who are they to turn to? I have seen children so distraught and bewildered over the stress and fear of homelessness they feel coming from their parents. We are keeping these families in their homes where they belong. We are keeping children safe in their own beds. We are giving them the time necessary to look for new jobs, apply for assistance, or find a new place to move to. The most important thing is we are preventing them from becoming homeless, a fear no fellow creation should have to go through.

UTILITIES = Gas: \$6,120.94; Electricity: \$4,400.00; Telephone: \$1,480.00

There are many of our neighbors unable to pay their utility bills due to job loss and the increase in utility costs during the winter. Many senior citizens on fixed incomes choose between much needed medications and paying their electric bill. Many senior citizens also are unable to pay for a telephone bill, often their only lifeline to outside assistance. We paid overdue gas bills that would soon cause several families to be

evicted if they continued to go unpaid. This is 2010 in America. Our economy, for many, has caused light and heat to become a luxury, when in fact it is a necessity. Together, we have provided many with warmth and light. God Bless you for Caring and Sharing.

FOOD = \$8,943.00

Your donations provided 26,316 lbs. of food for the W.C. Family Resource Center. We also provided emergency food assistance to many families living with empty refrigerators and cupboards. Hunger is a very real problem in all communities. The school systems see the pain of hunger in many of the children. Together, we have eased the pain of hunger for many.

TOILETRIES = \$806.50

We provided mothers with diapers. We provided toilet paper, tooth paste, soap, and shampoo for those living without. Senior citizens were unable to purchase the most basic needs. We need to always be thankful to have these products in our homes. I see many people living without them. Please Care and Share so we can continue to help our fellow American's.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$638.50

When we provide beds to families living without we also provide sheets, blankets, and often bath towels. We also provide cleaning supplies if needed, light bulbs, smoke detectors, eating utensils, pots, pans, and other daily necessities. Thank you for helping those in need.

BEDS = \$301.92

A family that lost everything did not have beds for their three children. We provided them with beds and the necessary bedding. They cried thankful tears for the gift of comfort.

APPLIANCES = \$320.33

A senior citizen couple did not have a working refrigerator. They could not keep any food safely in their home. They had food sitting outside their dilapidated house to keep cold. We provided them with a refrigerator and peace of mind at their advanced age.

CLOTHING = \$460.00

We provided children with clothing for school and warm coats. We helped single mother's obtain proper clothing for job interviews and employment.

TRANSPORTATION = Repairs: \$2,047.86; Gas: \$3,425.00

We repaired many cars at a reduced rate, to provide people with reliable modes of transportation to and from work. We repaired several cars for families and seniors being treated for life threatening diseases, providing them with safe travel to and from hospitals and treatment centers. We also had donated cars repaired and registered to their new happy owners. You have no idea how much of a relief a reliable car can provide for people struggling daily with transportation concerns. It can cause the loss of a good job. It can be dangerous and costly to the drivers breaking down on the side of the road. This is a very important area of our charity work. Just imagine a day without reliable transportation. We also provided much needed help with gas costs. Even if your car is running, gas expense can be a real struggle for anyone living on a fixed income or having lost their job. It always breaks my heart to see people only have enough money to pay for a few gallons of gas. One person only had enough gas to partially drive to work, park and walk the rest of the way. This single mother cried profusely when we provided her with gas vouchers. Together, as American's we need to help one another through these hard times.

TOTAL: \$50,000.00

The Time Is Now to Help, and the many families, seniors, handicapped, and children we helped, are extremely thankful for all you have provided. Thanks to the Christmas Blessing \$25,000 Matching Grant, matched with another \$25,000 by our Caring and Sharing donors, we have eased the pain of poverty for many . We have kept people in their homes, with the lights and heat on, food on the table, and transportation. Our many neighbors in need are thankful for your generosity and Caring and Sharing.

Every penny you donated, 100%, has been put to work to assist the poverty stricken with the daily necessities of life: food, clothing, utilities (gas, electric & water), shelter, toiletries, household necessities, vehicles, DMV title transfers and license plates. Together we were able to make a remarkable difference in all the lives we touched. Many hours were spent investigating numerous requests for help. I thank all of you, and the providers of the Christmas Blessing Matching Grant, for your support to *The Time Is*

Now to Help. Together we make a big difference helping our fellow creations of God.

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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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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