

## **The Time Is Now to Help's Six Years of Assistance**

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What happened to the American dream, the dream we all grew up believing in that working hard will bring you financial reward and independence?

Many are suffering due to the loss of their dream. Jobs have been lost, homes have been lost. The American dream is shattered for millions of fellow American's. Those of us that still have something to share, be it giving of our time, energy, or financial support, are caring and sharing for our fellow creations in need. For six years, we have networked together to help 4,674 neighbors.

Every time you look at the news you are assaulted with images of poverty, war, conflicts, in other nations and our own. There is a war for survival happening here in our great United States. Those who care and share, soldiers for God, are the ones making a difference. I want to recognize all the groups and organizations, both new and old, that have come together to care and share. I want to thank all the individuals who gave what they could. Everyone from the senior widow that has lived her life struggling financially yet continues to give two dollars each month, to the foundations and corporations that contribute to our mission, and everyone in between, who are helping to be the solution to our country's war against poverty.

The Lake Geneva Regional Newspaper has remained steadfast, through trying financial times. They have given back to our communities by allowing us to share with you through our column the feelings and emotions we feel when we change situations of evil into goodness, sadness into happiness, hunger into fulfillment, fear into courage, loss into triumph... Together we have helped many, 4,674 in the past six years. This last year we have been helping 3-4 times as many people in desperate need of daily necessities to survive. Together we have restored many dreams, we have helped, we have cared, and we have shared, showing kindness and compassion to ease the pain and tears of poverty. We have supplied shelter assistance, food assistance, assistance to the handicapped. We have restored electricity when it has been shut off, we have turned heat on when people were living in the cold, and we have had water turned back on. Can you imagine living even for a day without running water? There are many that do live that way. We have supplied used cars and had many cars repaired. We have removed the pain of hunger for many. Together we have helped, and will continue to help, our fellow American's with the daily necessities of life.

I thank all of you for your support, not only financially, but spiritually. I often find myself completely emotionally exhausted, laying down at the end of the day, my face buried in tears from what I have heard, what I have felt, what I have seen happening to our fellow Americans. Watching people have their simple dream of homeownership, simple dream of

feeding themselves and their children, simple dream of being able to afford diapers for their babies, clothing for their children, simple dream of not going to bed hungry, all taken away from them, can make even a strong person like myself overwhelmed from feeling our fellow creations pain. The next day, thanks to God, and all of your prayers and support, I am ready to do God's work again, offering help and love. With your prayers and support, together we can continue our fight to bring our fellow American's out of poverty.

Every day I say a prayer of thanks for all of you that have made The Time Is Now to Help what it is today. There are many individuals and groups not pictured in the newspaper this week that continue to give in silence. There also are the 4,674 individuals, fellow creations of God, that you do not see but are the sole reason for our mission, our calling. Thanks to your donations they are living much improved lives. Together our caring and sharing will help many more.

The past several months have been harder than The Time Is Now to Help has ever seen. Together we will see our fellow creations through this. We will continue to help the many poverty stricken in our area for as long as they need a helping hand. We can feel closer to God, feel the love of God, by sharing his love with those in need around us. I thank all of 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.

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**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 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](http://www.goodsearch.com) and help to raise funds for The Time Is Now to Help. Just make [www.goodsearch.com](http://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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