

\$25,000 MLH Matching Grant – Please Help

Dear W.C.,

11/09/09

My rent is past due. Our gas is shut off and I have received an eviction notice. I can't stand to see my children shiver. Please, I do not want to be put on the street with my children.

Dear W.C.,

I am disabled, struggling to get by on disability. I have cut back on my food and turned my heat off because I cannot afford the utility bill. Please help...

Dear W.C.,

I lost my job I've had for 22 years months ago and my family has nowhere else to turn for help. I have looked for another good paying job but there are none to be found. I now work for \$7.45 an hour. It's better than nothing but we need some help...

Dear W.C.,

My car is broken down and I can't get to work. I cannot afford to have it repaired or replaced. Help, I do not want to lose my job.

Dear W.C.,

I have been living out of my car for the last two weeks. Our company shut down last year and I lost my job, my home, everything...

Dear W.C.,

I could not afford my utilities so my landlord says my children and I have to get out. There is nowhere for my kids and I to go....

Dear W.C.,

I am 81 years old. I have very little food. I can't afford my prescription medications. I need help. Becoming homeless with no shelter is my greatest fear.

Dear W.C.,

I am a single mother living in my sister's basement with my two children. My husband left me and the kids to fend for ourselves. He left me with no car, no job, unable to pay the overdue utilities. He says he couldn't take the stress of trying to provide for a family after he lost his job. He left me with enough stress for both of us. My sister is losing her home to foreclosure and I have to move out by the end of the month. I have nowhere to go. She is

moving into a small apartment with her three kids and does not have room for us. Please help me and my children.

Dear Readers,

I have never seen such a huge increase in requests for assistance. The volume of mail I have been receiving is increasing each week. The letters have become more desperate. I have been struggling to keep up with the requests financially. Without your support I could never relieve the pain and suffering of poverty for families, single parents, children, senior citizens, and handicapped. Together we make a big difference in easing the pains of poverty.

One of our wonderful supporters, a true believer in what The Time Is Now to Help does to help our fellow creations in need, has stepped forward with a matching grant. I would like to announce the MLH 2009 \$25,000 Matching Grant. This grant needs to be matched by December 18, 2009. For every dollar donated, another dollar will be matched, doubling your donation to help our desperate fellow American's in need.

At this time, every letter requesting assistance that I answer has become more desperate, more heart breaking. There are so many struggling American's that you do not have to look hard to find a friend or neighbor in need. The news claims the economy is now improving but I still see desperate situations and homelessness increasing. I still see struggling businesses having to lay off good employees due to their inability to pay them any longer.

My goal is to help individuals and families struggling to survive at this time. I cannot do this alone and look to you my loyal supporters, to make that goal achievable. Your support during this wonderful \$25,000 MLH Matching Grant opportunity is more important than ever. Every dollar you donate will generously be matched by the MLH \$25,000 Matching Grant. I will give you a full disclosure where every penny of this matching grant was spent at its conclusion. Every penny will be used to supply utilities, rent, household necessities, food, clothing, car repairs, etc. It will NOT be used to provide any employee compensation, office expenses, overhead... We are a completely volunteer organization and all office costs are paid for by my business Lake Geneva Area Realty. 100% of your donations are put directly to use to ease the suffering of our neighbors in need.

Please help me to answer not only the sampling of requests at the beginning of this column but also the many, many more people desperately clinging to their last shred of hope, The Time Is Now to Help. Thank You for Caring and Sharing.

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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Memorials: Sue Wendt in memory of her father Carl Mickelsen. Stephen & Lynne Railsback in memory of Carl Mickelsen.

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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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