

# **Richard H. Driehaus \$30,000 Matching Grant**

## **\$60,000 to Help our Local Poverty Stricken**

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THANKS TO THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST, AND ALL WHO DONATED TO THE RICHARD DRIEHAUS \$30,000 MATCHING GRANT, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP MANY FELLOW AMERICANS IN NEED. Every dollar given has been used to alleviate the pain and suffering of our local poverty stricken neighbors living in financial despair.

A description of where every penny of the \$60,000 was spent is being provided below. 100% of every penny donated to *The Time Is Now to Help*, was used to help our local poverty stricken.

I thank one and all, for Caring & Sharing. Together we make our communities a better place to live.

### **THIS IS HOW WE HELPED:**

#### **RENT = \$14,921.00**

There were many families about to be evicted. We stepped in to bring their rent up to date and prevent them from becoming homeless. Homelessness is affecting people of all ages and all walks of life, everyone from senior citizens to newborn babies. Many people have been affected by the recession and lost their jobs. Many have been affected by a devastating illness without health insurance. There are many reasons why they are unable to pay their rent. Several families were already evicted and needed emergency housing. The Time Is Now to Help stepped in to offer them assistance as well.

#### **UTILITIES = \$18,228.86 Total Gas: \$6,781.00; Electricity: \$8,335.28; Water/Sewer: \$2,075.21; Telephone: \$1,037.37**

I personally know what it is like to live in a home without heat or lights. As a child there were times when our utilities were disconnected. I can still remember the pain and humiliation. We have helped many families restore utility service to their homes. There are still people in 2009 without running water or hot water for bathing. There were senior citizens living without heat or lights, handicapped individuals without the simple luxury of a warm home, lights, and a telephone for emergencies. Thanks to your generosity we have relieved the pain and stress for many people.

### **FOOD = \$6,509.08**

Many families were living in hunger. I came upon many empty cupboards and refrigerators. We provided emergency food assistance to many that had not eaten a good meal in a long time. We helped children, seniors, single parents, and the handicapped fill their cupboards and refrigerators with good food.

### **W.C. FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER/FOOD PANTRY = \$5,000.00**

Food was purchased for the W.C. Food Pantry at a greatly reduced price from America's Second Harvest in Milwaukee. The food pantry has been serving a greater and greater need every month since its opening. In the month of October we fed almost 1,600 people. There are many of our friends and neighbors, fellow American's going hungry at this time.

### **TOILETRIES = \$1,076.00**

You would be amazed and horrified to see how many people The Time Is Now to Help assists actually live without toiletries. Toilet paper, diapers, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, soap, first aid supplies, toothpaste, deodorant...think how many of these products we use in a day. Now think what it would be like to have to choose between rent, utilities, or toiletries for your family. Many people have to do without.

### **HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$1,327.68**

I recently visited an apartment that had no bedding on the worn old mattresses. The mother had been in an abusive relationship and left everything behind to save herself and her children. We provided sheets, blankets, and towels for her family. This is just one example of what household necessities we supply. We helped many people with the most basic needs of simple appliances, bedding, sheets, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, pots & pans, dishes, eating utensils, towels, etc.

### **CLOTHING = \$2,102.00**

We received many pleas for help from families with children. They needed school clothes for growing children, proper work clothes, shoes, coats, etc.

### **BEDDING = \$344.00**

I found a senior citizen with back problems actually sleeping in an old recliner chair because they could not afford a mattress. They are now happy to report their back problems have improved and they are very thankful for their new bed. I also received a request for a neighbor who is mentally handicapped. She did not have a bed, and was sleeping on the floor. She cried happy tears to have her very own bed. God Bless everyone for Caring and Sharing.

**TRANSPORTATION = \$8,991.38**

The Time Is Now to Help repaired many cars to enable the owners to keep their jobs and drive to work, doctors appointments, etc. We paid several overdue car payments so people would not lose their cars. We provided people with gas cards so they have the fuel necessary to drive their cars to work. Thank you for your Caring and Sharing.

**FUNERAL EXPENSE = \$1,500.00**

This is not a usual category that The Time Is Now to Help assists in. We assisted a single mother several years ago that had a child facing a life threatening illness. Sadly the child lost their brave fight against the illness. The mother had nowhere to turn for assistance at this most painful time in her life. We paid a portion of the funeral costs to help ease her financial burden at this time. Thank you again for Caring and Sharing.

**Total: \$60,000**

As you can see every penny you donated, along with Richard Driehaus' matching funds, went to assist the poverty stricken. The funds were used to help the poverty stricken with the daily necessities of life: food, clothing, utilities (gas, electric & water), shelter, bedding, toiletries, household necessities, and vehicles. We are a completely volunteer organization. Your donation is put to work immediately to help ease the pain of poverty, not to pay for overhead costs, marketing, office expenses, or salaries. 100% of your donations are put directly to use to ease the suffering of our neighbors in desperate need.

Many hours were, and continue to be spent fighting poverty. We investigate every request to make sure every penny we give goes to good people in genuine need. As this recession continues, sadly the need is ever increasing.

I thank all of you for your kind words, and support to *The Time Is Now to Help*. I alone cannot meet all the desperate requests for help. Together we make a big difference helping our fellow creations. I thank all of you for your kindness in **Caring & Sharing** what you have been blessed with. Please take advantage of the MLH \$25,000 Matching Grant. Every dollar you donate will be matched by another until December 17, 2009. Please help our fellow American's who have fallen on hard times. 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.

**MLH \$25,000 Matching Grant:** We have until December 17, 2009 to match the \$25,000 MLH grant. Please consider donating at this time knowing every dollar you donate will be generously matched by the MLH Matching Grant.

**A Very Special Thank You:** Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust, Paper Dolls, Sugar Creek 4-H, Martin O'Brien, Frank & Anna Guske, Lake Geneva Lioness Club, Kathy Brooks Parker, Evan & Carol Harris, Robert Zarek, Robert Hogan, James & Janice Batten, Lawrence & Barbara Thibault, Eli & Charleen Nieuwenhuis, Tom & Joyce Roche, Geri Hinton, Gerald & Marilyn Wilkin, Dennis & Christine Haak, Carol Kopp, Daniel & Katherine Flaherty, William & Sandra Blaesing, Edward & Katie Misik, Joseph & Karen Cerniglia, Vito & Betty Licari, Bryan & Sharon Dixon, W.C. Family Resource Center/Food Pantry volunteers, Michael & Sue Borden, Dick & Jean Honeyager, 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:** The following donations were given in memory of Carl Mickelsen: Sue Wendt, Donald Mickelsen, Stephen & Lynne Railsback, Joan Landgraf, Thomas & Linda Dunne, Dorothy Macarus, Wes & Lisa Eberly, Richard Thorgesen, Mary Roth, Leon & Wilma Peterson, Attila Weninger, Thomas & Kathie Johnson, Robert & Marion Neiman, and Blaine & Sandra Royer.

**Please Volunteer:** The W.C. Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Please call (262)348-0600 and leave your name and phone number. We need your help.

**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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