

Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant = \$50,000 in Poverty Relief

This past week we not only matched the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant, we were also able to provide the final assistance from this matching grant. Thanks to the Family Legacy donors and your matching donations we were able to provide the following assistance:

RENT/SHELTER = \$20,167.90

Thanks to the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant, and the generosity of all of “You”, 22 people in our communities experienced the blessing of safe shelter. Two individuals who were previously homeless were helped with security deposits and first month’s rent, giving them the helping hand up they needed. A family displaced by medical challenges found refuge in a motel during their time of need. A grandmother caring for her four grandchildren was given rent support to carry her through a family crisis. Several senior citizens, living on very limited incomes, were able to remain in their homes when unexpected expenses caused them to choose between food, medications, or rent. Your gifts, doubled by the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant, turned fear into relief, and provided hope and security where it was needed most.

UTILITIES = \$9,490.00 = Electric: \$6,550, Gas: \$2,040, Water: \$900

The Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant allowed us to provide utility assistance to the elderly, a veteran, and several families living in fear of utility disconnections. For the working poor living paycheck to paycheck or an elderly person living on a fixed income, one unexpected expense can make it impossible to cover these essential bills. Without our help they faced living without running water, lights, air-conditioning and dangerous living conditions. Thanks to the generosity of the Family Legacy donors, and your support, we were able to remove the fear of utility disconnection for 21 people in our communities.

FOOD = \$4,283.00

Because of the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant donors, and the generosity of each of you, we were able to provide supplemental food to many individuals and families in our communities. Hunger is a pain of poverty we witness far too often, and our hunger relief efforts remain a vital lifeline for those without enough resources to meet this basic need. Together, we are easing the problem of food insecurity and lessening the toll it takes on the most vulnerable in our communities. We are deeply grateful for your support in helping us bring nourishment, comfort, and hope to those who need it most.

TRANSPORTATION = \$12,751.27

Desperately needed transportation assistance was made possible through the repair of five vehicles, along with funds toward the purchase of a car for someone struggling to stay employed without reliable transportation. For many, unaffordable car repairs often lead to job loss or missed medical care, making this support life changing. In addition, 10 individuals received gas gift cards, easing the burden of getting to work and vital appointments. Thanks to the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant, and your generous matching donations, reliable transportation has been a true blessing in our communities.

BEDS = \$1,564.00

Thanks to the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant and your matching donations, new beds were purchased for two families. We find many of the people we help sleeping on worn out mattresses, couches or even on the floor. A good night's rest is essential for our good health, a productive day at work or school, and should not be considered a luxury. By providing new beds we are not only providing comfort but also stability, dignity and hope. Thank you for allowing us to provide this blessing to those most in need.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$1,340.38

Sometimes it is the little things that make the greatest difference for those struggling to get by. Household necessities such as blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, cleaning supplies and other household items bring dignity and comfort to the families, the disabled, and the elderly. A warm blanket and a clean healthy home are things we sometimes take for granted but are a true blessing to those living without. Together with the Family Legacy donors, we have made that blessing possible for several families, the disabled and senior citizens turning to us for assistance.

TOILETRIES = \$403.45

Many of those we serve live without essential personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby wipes, diapers, feminine hygiene, and more. Thanks to The Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant, and your generous matching donations, we were able to ease the hardship that comes from living without toiletries. By providing toiletries we have restored comfort and dignity and made it possible to maintain medical and dental health. These are all things that contribute to future job and school success!

GRAND TOTAL: \$50,000.00

Together, we made the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant a success—and together, we will continue to change lives. Your generosity brought shelter, food, hope, and dignity to those who were struggling. What a powerful reminder that when compassion is matched with action, blessings multiply. One of these blessings will be the announcement in next week's column of a new matching grant opportunity beginning immediately. This gift will help us to continue our mission of bringing poverty relief to the most vulnerable in our communities. Thank you and God bless you for the incredible difference you have made and continue to make in the lives of those turning to The Time is Now to Help for assistance during their time of need.

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Please Help: There are many coming to us in desperation. Our good fellow creations need our compassion. Together we make a big difference. Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 1, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. The Time Is Now to Help is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing how 100% of your donation was used for providing

poverty relief.

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Memorials: The following donations were made in memory of Robert Zelenski: Barbara Dettinger and Carl and Lynn Koenen.

Prayer Chain: The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Bill, Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Betty, Ellie, Concetta, Cheryl, Kirubel M., Wanda L., Joan, Bruce and Andy.

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