

## **Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant = \$10,000 in Poverty Relief**

A heartfelt thank you to the Barnabas donors and to everyone who helped quickly meet the Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant. Because of your generosity, we have been able to ease the burdens of poverty for several struggling senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and two single mothers with children in our communities.

100% of the funds donated to the Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant were used to provide the following assistance:

### **RENT/SHELTER = \$4,441.00**

Thanks to the Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant, eleven people were spared the pain and uncertainty of homelessness. A single mother with four children found renewed hope when we provided her overdue October rent payment. Another single mother and her child received rent assistance as she works to secure a second job to support her family. An elderly couple living in a mobile home was helped with urgently needed lot rent after facing unexpected expenses. An elderly disabled couple, referred to us by caring community members who witnessed their struggles, also received the support they needed to remain safely housed. Thank you for making this vital part of our poverty relief efforts possible.

### **UTILITIES = \$2,800.00 = ELECTRIC: \$2,100, GAS: \$700**

Gas and electric bills were paid for those most vulnerable to the devastating effects of utility disconnection. Your donations, matched by the Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant, made this critical assistance possible and provided warmth, safety, and light to those who need it most. For individuals and families living on a fixed income, the rising costs of food, rent, prescription medications, and other daily necessities often leave little left for essential utilities. Many of those we helped were facing difficult choices, paying for medication, buying groceries, or keeping their heat and lights on. Because of your generosity, they did not have to make that impossible choice. Together we are not only keeping the lights on, we are brightening lives with our compassion and care.

### **FOOD = \$556.49**

Your donations, matched by the Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant, successfully removed the pain and hunger caused by food insecurity for both the disabled elderly couple and the single mother with four children. With the cost of nutritious fruits, vegetables, eggs, and other fresh foods continuing to rise we also continue to receive requests for food assistance. Thanks to this matching grant we have been able to provide fresh, healthy food to those most in need, nourishing both their bodies and their spirits.

### **TRANSPORTATION = \$2,202.51**

Car payments were made for two individuals to prevent the loss of essential transportation

needed for employment and medical care. Reliable transportation is often a lifeline for those striving to remain independent and self-sufficient, and your support helped ensure they could continue working and access essential services. A much-needed car repair was completed for an elderly woman living in poverty who, despite her own struggles, selflessly provides rides to neighbors for medical appointments and essential errands. New tires were also provided for a single mother, giving her the peace of mind and safety she needs to transport her to work through the winter months. Additionally, gas gift cards were given to several individuals who were struggling to afford fuel, helping them get to work, medical appointments, and grocery stores.

Thanks to the Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant—and to each of you who contributed—these essential transportation needs were met with compassion and care. Your generosity not only kept vehicles running but also kept hope alive for those who desperately needed reliable transportation.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$10,000.00**

We cannot express our gratitude enough to the Barnabas donors for over 18 years of financial support and our 11th Matching Grant together. Thank you and God Bless you for making the Barnabas 2025 \$5,000 Matching Grant a success and for making all our poverty relief efforts possible throughout our communities.

*Health & Happiness, Love & God Bless Everyone, Sal*

**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 given in memory of Kenneth Pagel: Michelle Lee, Tamara Hedrick, and Rosemarie Chrisant.

**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: Trae, 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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