

This week, we received wonderful news that one of our devoted donors has stepped forward once again to offer a generous matching grant opportunity. The Christmas Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant begins immediately and will match every donation dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000.

We are incredibly grateful and excited for the life-changing poverty relief this generous gift will make possible. Through the Christmas season and beyond, this matching grant will allow us to answer the urgent pleas for help from many of our fellow creations, offering hope, dignity, and a true helping hand up where it is needed most.

Dear W.C.,

Five years ago, cancer took my wife and the mother of my children, and since then I have been raising our two daughters on my own. Every day, I try to be both mother and father for them. I do what I can to keep our home steady and their lives filled with love, even though we still miss her terribly.

Recently, all my careful planning and budgeting fell apart. I severely injured my shoulder and have been unable to work for nearly six weeks, without pay. I made it through the difficult surgery, but I never imagined how long the recovery would be or how quickly we would fall behind. Like many families living paycheck to paycheck, I had barely any savings to fall back on.

Now we are one month behind on rent and utilities, and I have missed my car payment. The fear of losing our home, or my vehicle, which I need to return to work, keeps me awake at night. This has been especially hard during the holidays, when my daughters are already missing their mother more than ever. The thought of them facing eviction or hunger is heartbreaking.

Before my wife passed, the last thing she heard was my promise to protect and care for our girls. Right now, I am doing everything I can to keep that promise, but I cannot do it alone. I am humbly asking for your help to keep our family stable until I am fully healed and able to return to work again.

Dear Readers,

After reviewing this family's situation, it was apparent that this father had managed responsibly on a modest income until an unexpected shoulder injury changed everything. He had tried to save for emergencies for years, but things like car repairs, glasses, dental visits, had always got in the way.

Our goal was to provide stability while the father recovered. By stepping in to cover the family's past-due rent and utilities, we could prevent eviction and ensure the girls remain safe in their home. Bringing the car payment up to date would protect the vehicle he needs to return to work as soon as he is medically cleared.

In addition, short-term assistance with basic necessities such as food and essential household items would allow this father to focus on healing without the constant fear of falling further behind. With his return-to-work date approaching, this temporary support would bridge the gap and protect them from a further spiral into poverty that a single unforeseen event can cause.

The following week the father was back at work, without the fear of unpaid rent and car payments hanging over him. I had spoken to his employer and was relieved to hear the father was a good employee. For this father, your generosity helped him keep a promise made to his late wife to protect their daughters, even in the hardest moment. Your support allowed this worried father to provide them with the security they so desperately needed until he could return to work. Together, we made sure that one injury didn't turn this family into another poverty statistic.

Very soon, we will share a full and transparent breakdown of how the Fall Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant has been put to work. Until then, please know that your kindness is being felt in the most personal and powerful ways. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly for the lives you have helped restore thanks to the generosity of the Family Legacy donors and your matching donations.

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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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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