

Thanks to your generosity we have successfully met the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant. This means \$100,000 for poverty relief thanks to all of “You” and the Helping Hand Up matching grant donors. We are continuing the distribution of these funds to those most in need of poverty relief in our communities. Since December 26<sup>th</sup>, when this matching grant began, we have helped 45 people with rent, food, toiletries, utility assistance, gas gift cards, car repairs, new beds, and household necessities. When we have completed the distribution of these funds we will once again provide a breakdown, showing where every penny of this matching grant was spent.

We have also been blessed with a new matching grant opportunity, thanks to the Family Foundation. The Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant will begin immediately and be gratefully received by every person we assist that is suffering in poverty. We have many, many requests for assistance at this time and thanks to the Family Foundations new matching grant opportunity, we will be able to help even more fellow creations this winter.

One of the people recently helped thanks to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant is a nearly senior woman that is struggling due to a chronic illness. She is being cared for by her elderly mother as she is now confined to a wheelchair and can no longer care for herself. Both these dear women were struggling to afford food and other daily necessities due to an unexpected expense. The woman especially cried tears of relief when we offered to provide overdue veterinary assistance for her beloved and needed service dog.

A single mother with three children was provided with rent and household necessities after the home she had been renting caught fire and they lost all their belongings. The children were traumatized by the fire and both the mother and children did suffer some injuries that prevented the mother from being able to work for two weeks. Now that they have received a helping hand up thanks to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, they are relieved to be living in the new rental made possible by your support.

Going through treatment for lung cancer has caused a woman to fall behind in her rent and utilities. We felt great compassion for this woman as she has been too sick to work and has no family to turn to for help. She is blessed to have one good friend that checks on her daily and helps with preparing meals and laundry, and she has also been blessed to have all of us there to provide financial assistance with rent, food, and utilities.

These are just a few of the fellow creations that have been helped so far thanks to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant. As we provide poverty relief with even more people over the upcoming weeks, we look forward to sharing with you further details about what we have accomplished together. Lives will be changed and possibly even saved thanks to “You”.

Please donate at this time as all your donations will now be matched by the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant, doubling your help provided to remove the pains of poverty in our communities. This matching grant will allow us to continue our good work by preventing homelessness, hunger, and suffering. Thank “You” and God Bless “You”.

*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. Please visit our website for more information, to read more of our past and current columns and/or to make a donation: [www.timeisnowtohelp.org](http://www.timeisnowtohelp.org)

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**Memorials:** Jennifer Berger in memory of Eleanore Barth.

**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: Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Sal, Betty, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Ron K., Marian K., Judy, Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Ellie and Cornelia.

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