

## **Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant = \$50,000 in Poverty Relief**

Thanks to the generosity of the Carolyn Gable Foundation, we began the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant on December 23, 2024. This matching grant touched the hearts of our supporters who may not have known Ava but were moved by her enduring presence and the impact of her legacy. Ava Rose's spirit of kindness and light truly shown on the 38 fellow creations that were provided with life-changing poverty relief thanks to this matching grant made in her honor.

Thank you to The Carolyn Gable Foundation for providing the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant, and all your matching donations that allowed us to provide the following assistance:

### **RENT/SHELTER = \$18,189.12**

Thanks to the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant, people of all ages were spared from enduring homelessness. A woman recovering from a traumatic brain surgery was allowed to remain in her rental and rest easy once we paid her overdue rent and an additional two months. This gave her the time she needed until she could return to work. A man that was seriously injured by a hit and run driver was provided rent assistance while he recovered. A single mother caring for her elderly father while he underwent multiple surgeries was relieved from the stress of preventing her family from becoming homeless. Now she can continue to care for her father and her daughter without the stress of a pending eviction hanging over her. There were several other families, senior citizens and single mothers with children that were touched by the generosity and spirit of the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant.

### **UTILITIES = \$4,550 = Electric: \$1,900, Gas: \$2,650**

Your donations, matched by the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant, allowed us to prevent future utility disconnection for 11 people in our communities. An elderly couple was provided with utility assistance when they were brought to our attention by a concerned co-worker. The elderly woman was still working as a cleaning woman in order to help pay their bills. We removed the stress of this overdue bill, along with several other expenses that were hampering their budget. The single mother caring for her ill father was also relieved to have the prospect of utility disconnection removed. These fellow creations are grateful for this matching grant that brought positive changes to their lives.

### **FOOD = \$3,485.45**

The Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant removed the pains of hunger for many people over the past six weeks. Most requests for assistance include a request for food. Whether food was delivered, or grocery gift cards were provided, this assistance is always appreciated. The increase in the cost of food over the past few years has caused many to cut

back on food or eliminate healthy foods from their diets. Providing food assistance is a compassionate way to remove the pains of hunger and malnourishment for every person our charity finds in need of this assistance.

### **HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$2,159.35**

Your donations, matched by the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant, provided many senior citizens, single mothers, children, and working poor families with sheets, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, vacuums, and many other household necessities. When people go through an eviction, they often lose these items when they have nowhere to store them. For those coming out of homeless shelters, these items are necessary to make a house a home. A woman leaving an abusive marriage with only her clothing was provided with the household necessities she needed to start over. Many people were grateful for the gift of household necessities, made possible by your donations matched by the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant.

### **TOILETRIES = \$667.07**

Soap, shampoo, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and much more were provided to those who could not afford these items. Thanks to the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant, these items are no longer a luxury for several families. Babies will have clean diapers, children will have toothbrushes, people of all ages will have hygiene products, thanks to your support.

### **TRANSPORTATION = \$16,088.62**

A large portion of the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant went towards transportation assistance. A very grateful single mother was provided with a reliable used vehicle to ensure her safe transportation to her job. Car repairs were provided for two vehicles. Three car payments were provided to a working poor family to prevent their car from being repossessed after going through an accident and emergency surgery. Gas gift cards were provided for many people in our communities.

### **BEDS & LIFT CHAIR= \$2,914.39**

Beds were provided for residents of a low-income apartment building. All had gone through homelessness or severe illness that left them destitute and without most personal belongings, including beds. These beds have removed the physical pain of sleeping on floors or chairs for the most vulnerable in our communities. A lift chair was purchased for the woman recovering from brain surgery. Since she lives alone, this has allowed her to sleep on the first floor of her duplex and helped her to get on her feet without assistance. It has been lifechanging for her continued recovery.

### **HOME REPAIRS = \$1,946**

Running water was restored for an elderly woman and her handicapped son. They had been living without running water for six years until it was brought to our attention. One of our trusted well repair contractors graciously restored running water in a matter of days. They then went on to restore running water for a disabled man and his wife that had been living without water for several weeks. This assistance may have been the most humane assistance provided by the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant. We know Ava Rose would approve, and her light is now shining on these forgotten members of our community. The final assistance provided was by a volunteer who offered to provide household repairs to several disabled and poverty stricken fellow creations living in a local apartment building. We are grateful for her good work and everything we have accomplished thanks to the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$50,000.00**

Thank “You” for making the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant a success! We look forward to continuing that success with the Family Foundation 2025 \$40,000 Matching Grant. We hope you will take advantage of this matching grant as your donations will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling your donation and the assistance we will be able to provide.

Together we are networking the good works that our lord has put upon our hearts to help our fellow creations. ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:40.

*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:** Peggy Cardiff in memory of Marty Hansen and John Mercier.

**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., 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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