

New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant = \$100,000 in Poverty Relief

Thanks to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant we have once again been able to provide poverty relief for over 90 senior citizens, the handicapped, veterans, single mothers, children and working poor family members in our communities. We began this matching grant on December 26th, 2023, and completed the distribution of these funds to those most in need on February 5th, 2024.

100% of all funds donated to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant were used to provide the following assistance:

RENT/SHELTER = \$37,014.59

The New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant and all of “You” provided rent, emergency shelter, and mortgage payments to those struggling to maintain secure housing. A nearly 80-year-old man was provided with rent payments when he was struggling due to illness that kept him from his part time job. Yes, he still continues to work as he cannot make ends meet without his job. Another elderly couple was provided emergency shelter at a motel while the wife goes through chemotherapy and recovers from surgery. They were evicted when unable to keep up with their rent and other expenses. Several single mothers with children were spared homelessness when we provided overdue rent. An already homeless single mother and her three children were provided with a motel room to save them from being on the streets. Thanks to all of your donations, matched by the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, nearly every recipient of our shelter assistance has cried tears of relief over removing their fear of and present homelessness.

UTILITIES = \$16,580 = Electric: \$9,680, Gas: \$5,500, Water: \$1,400

Gas, electric and water utilities were provided for nine families and three senior citizens. One of these recipients is Jenny who had to take off work to care for her elderly mother when she fell and fractured her spine. She missed several weeks until she could get her mother into a care facility, and she could return to work. Thanks to our utility assistance she and her two children are safe from future disconnection. We also helped Josie who recently went through a painful divorce with her four children. Together we provided not only utility assistance but also food and other daily necessities.

FOOD = \$6,303.30

Your donations, matched by the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, provided desperately needed food for 12 families, 2 veterans, and 5 senior citizens.

TRANSPORTATION = \$32,654.60

Car payments were made for three single mothers with children to prevent the loss of their much-needed transportation. A car was purchased for the formerly homeless single mother to

ensure she had reliable transportation for her new job and a portion of the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant funds were used to purchase a van for a large family that was working hard to get back on their feet. Repairs were completed on six vehicles and new tires were put on four vehicles. Gas gift cards were provided to many who are struggling to keep up with that expense. We have found that transportation assistance is often the best indicator of future success for the working poor families and single mothers that we serve.

BEDS = \$1,986

Thanks to all of “You” and the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant new beds were provided for the single mother with three children that had been provided emergency shelter at a motel. Now that the mother can work thanks to the car we provided, and they have successfully moved into an apartment, beds were needed to take this assistance full circle. So much gratitude has been shared with us over the positive life changes we have made possible together.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$2,348.75

The New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, and your matching donations, provided our fellow creations with the items needed to make a house a home. Blankets, sheets, pillows, cleaning supplies, towels, pots and pans, dishes and much more were shared with many.

TOILETRIES = \$1,550

Thanks to “You” and the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant toiletries were provided for 13 people in our communities. When you are unable to afford diapers for your baby, toothbrushes and toothpaste for your children, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, and many other items from this category, there are many ways it affects your life. Personal hygiene products prevent job loss, discomfort, health problems and embarrassment for all who receive this gift.

PAYDAY LOANS = \$1,562.76

Two women were helped with paying off predator payday loans. Out of desperation they took out these loans, not fully comprehending the effect it would have on their lives due to the astronomical interest rates that make them impossible to pay off. Thanks to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant and all of your matching donations, we have removed the overwhelming stress these women were facing each month when their budgets always fell short due to these loans.

GRAND TOTAL: \$100,000.00

Thank “You” and God Bless “You” for making the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant a wonderful success!

Please continue to 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

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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: 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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