

Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant = \$100,000 in Assistance

Thanks to the generosity of the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant, and the compassion of donors who answered the call to match it, we were able to provide poverty relief assistance to 70 individuals in our communities. Together, we helped ease the burdens of poverty by providing food, safe shelter, reliable transportation, utility assistance, appliances, household necessities, and toiletries. 100% of every dollar donated, matched through the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant, went directly toward providing life changing poverty relief to those in need.

Together, this is how you helped:

Rent & Shelter: \$51,878.72

The Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant helped prevent and alleviate homelessness for elderly individuals, people with disabilities, working poor families, single mothers, and children in our communities. For many, one unexpected hardship stood between stability and homelessness.

One family of four would have fallen dangerously behind on rent after the father was unable to work due to major surgery and a lengthy recovery. Assistance with several months of rent provided the stability they needed to remain safely housed while he healed and returned to work. Two sisters recovering from a devastating car accident were also helped with rent payments, allowing them time to recover without the added fear of losing their rentals during an already traumatic chapter in their lives.

Several senior citizens facing housing insecurity were spared the devastating reality of homelessness. An already homeless couple was provided with a much-needed security deposit and first month's rent, finally giving them access to safe, stable housing after months of enduring tremendous uncertainty.

These fellow creations—and many more—were blessed by the poverty relief made possible by the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant.

Utilities: \$12,900.00

(Electric \$7,500 • Gas \$4,200 • Water \$1,200)

Thanks to the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant, and your generous matching donations, three senior citizens, seven single mothers and grandmothers raising children, and five disabled individuals were protected from future utility disconnection. Many of these households were already struggling to balance rising costs for food, housing, gas, medications, and other daily necessities, leaving them vulnerable to losing essential gas,

electricity and water utilities. Because of your support, we were able to relieve that burden and ensure these individuals and families could continue living without the fear of losing heat during cold nights, gas for cooking, refrigeration for food and medications, lights, air-conditioning for the most vulnerable, and access to running water. For many, this assistance arrived just in time to stop disconnections and prevented an already difficult situation from becoming a crisis.

Food: \$6,787.00

Your donations, matched through the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant, helped ensure that struggling families, seniors, and disabled individuals had reliable access to food during difficult times. Many people provided assistance thanks to this matching grant also received grocery gift cards, allowing them to purchase nutritious meals and maintain a healthier diet despite limited financial resources.

We were able to support single mothers facing the painful uncertainty of not knowing how they would feed their children due to a lack of child support or job loss. This matching grant helped elderly individuals restock nearly empty cupboards after stretching limited monthly incomes that barely cover rent, medications, and utilities. No one should be forced to choose between food and other necessities. Thanks to your support many were spared the pains of hunger in our communities.

Transportation: \$22,870.58

Nine vehicles were repaired for individuals struggling to maintain employment, care for their families, and attend essential medical appointments. In addition, eleven car payments were made for those facing financial hardship and at risk of losing the reliable transportation they depend upon each day. We have seen time and again that access to dependable transportation can mean the difference between maintaining employment and falling into housing instability.

The rising cost of fuel also placed an added burden on many already struggling households, which is why gas gift cards were provided to numerous recipients of assistance that was provided thanks to this matching grant. These cards helped ease financial stress and ensured individuals could continue getting to work, medical appointments, grocery stores, and other essential destinations.

Because of your generosity, many people were able to remain employed and preserve the stability that reliable transportation makes possible. The Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant has been a vital source of support for individuals and families working hard to remain independent during difficult times.

Appliances: \$1,127.90

Thanks to the generosity of the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant a new washer and dryer was provided for a disabled elderly woman. Having access to dependable laundry equipment allowed this individual to safely manage her daily needs from home without the physical strain of carrying heavy laundry to a laundromat and the added expense that was straining her budget.

Household Necessities: \$2,648.45

Your donations, matched through the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant, helped provide essential household necessities to individuals and families struggling to furnish safe and stable living environments. Items such as towels, bedding, pillows, dishes, cookware, cleaning supplies, vacuums, and mops may seem simple, but for those living in poverty, on a fixed income, or starting over after hardship, these necessities can feel out of reach. For those transitioning out of homelessness, these household items transformed empty rooms into a home. The ability to maintain a clean-living space is vital to your health and well-being. These gifts were received with heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.

Toiletries: \$1,787.35

Essential toiletry items, including toothpaste, shampoo, diapers, soap, and feminine hygiene products, were provided to single mothers with children, individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, and working poor families struggling to make ends meet. While often overlooked, these everyday necessities can become difficult to afford when families are forced to prioritize rent, gas, food, utilities, and medications. Providing these items helped restore personal hygiene, dignity, comfort, and a renewed sense of self-confidence for those receiving assistance, while easing one more burden during an already challenging time.

Grand Total: \$100,000

Every dollar you donated, matched through the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant, went directly towards assisting our fellow creations who were experiencing poverty. Thanks to your generosity and the compassionate support of the Family Legacy donors, our mission to ease the pains of poverty has changed lives and brought hope to 70 people facing difficult circumstances.

We are deeply grateful for the extraordinary generosity of our matching grant providers and for each and every one of you who makes our charity work possible. Together, you have brought life-changing poverty relief to many of our neighbors in need.

Health & Happiness, Love & God Bless Everyone, Sal

Please visit our website to read more of our past and current columns and/or to make a donation: www.timeisnowtohelp.org Please go to the home page, follow

the yellow highlighted link that says WC Letters to see current and past columns.

A Very Special Thank You: Family Legacy Donors, Family Foundation, Kunes Family Foundation, Ziegler Charitable Foundation, Paul Ziegler, Dr. Mark and Cynthia Brower, Albert and Ellen Burnell, Lee and Barbara Zuzanek, Morgan Stanley GIFT, Kathleen and Brian Hurdis Charitable Fund, Jeff Martin, The Chuck and Barb Taylor Charitable Fund, Paper Dolls, Kathryn Drexler, Monroe and Birdeen Putnam, Lake Geneva Area Realty, Allen and Dorothy Hermansen, William and Patricia Antti, George and Laretta Clettenberg, John and Rita Race, Elizabeth Knoth, St. John's Lutheran Church Women's Ministry, Saints Simeon and Anna Anglican Church, Ellen Fox, Sharon McRae, Gregory Swanson, Kelly Tomaske, Jeanne Allen, Karin Slayton, all of our anonymous donors and ALL of you who support The Time Is Now to Help. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now donation box in your business, please call (262) 249-7000.

Memorials: Timothy and Brenda Wegge in memory of Russell Wegge. Sal and Corinne Dimiceli and family in loving memory of Marilyn Schawk. Peggy Cardiff in memory of Dot Cardiff, Lisa Haydam and Dena Hansen.

Honoraries: The following donations were given in honor of Harvey Altenberg's 80th Birthday: Patrick and Mary Conwell, Richard and Pattie Hall, Virgil and Sharon Wuttke, Ruth Bynum, and Larry and Sue Ferry.

Please visit: www.timeisnowtohelp.org