

As we continue to help those in desperate need, we are working hard throughout the final days of 2023. We are looking forward to the New Year with optimism. This year we were blessed to help nearly 700 fellow creations with shelter, food, car repairs, tires, gas, used cars, utility assistance, clothing, home repairs, wheelchairs, toiletries, new beds, household necessities, dental care, glasses, clothing, veterinary care, and so much more. None of this would have been possible without your support. Whether you donated a monetary gift, provided a matching grant, gave of your time, or provided a service to someone in need, we appreciate you and what you helped us accomplish this year. Our goal in 2024, and every year for the past 35 years, is to continue to remove the pains and suffering of poverty for as many people as possible.

One of the reasons we are looking forward to the New Year is the blessing of a new matching grant opportunity that will begin immediately. Thank you to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant donors for their new year donation inspiration! As we end the busy holiday season it is essential to have some motivation to donate in the long cold winter days ahead. The Helping Hand Up donors have been providing that motivation for four years and we feel blessed to have them as supporters of our poverty relief efforts not just over the challenging winter months but throughout the year. We are so grateful for this motivation that allows us to keep our goal of providing our caring assistance to those most in need.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas we received more requests than ever. Every letter or email provided a glimpse into very personal struggles. Either due to illness, accident, tragedy, job loss, medical emergency or personal struggle, each person was looking for our help. After a thorough review and investigation into the situation, we did our best to answer every plea for assistance to the best of our abilities.

This past week our resources were used to prevent two single mothers with children and an elderly woman from being evicted. We also brought their utility bills up to date. Thanks to our assistance they are once again stable and able to stay in their rentals. After being contacted by a daughter who was not able to help her mother who was living in terrible pain, we paid for the elderly woman's desperately needed tooth extractions. She cannot wait for the dentures that we will be providing next to allow her to eat properly again and even smile. We paid for two car repairs for two hardworking single mothers to ensure safe and reliable transportation to their jobs. We provided food, toiletries and household necessities for several families and senior citizens who could not afford these expenses on their fixed budgets due to medical bills and other unexpected expenses. A social worker asked if we could provide a lift chair, shower chair and wheelchair for an elderly gentleman going through treatment for cancer. Thanks to your donations we were able to help this elderly gentleman as he struggled through the debilitating treatments. We paid an overdue mortgage payment for a single mother caring for her son with multiple disabilities. After her son's recent weeklong hospitalization and recovery from an illness, she also missed additional work due to his long recovery at home. They would never have recovered from this setback without our help. Our caring assistance has brought life changing relief for each of these people, and many more, thanks to "You".

We cannot thank you enough for your donations that make all our assistance possible. Thanks to all of "You" many fellow creations had the best holiday possible and can look forward to 2024 with hope and relief from the stress of poverty. Remember that all your donations will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling your donation, beginning today and into the New Year thanks to the New Year 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant. 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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Memorials: Betty Hayles in loving memory of Lee Hayles. Thelen Total Construction in memory of Vern Umland and Frank Cerone, Sr. The following donations are in memory of Betty Kroupa: Clara Berger, Mark and Kim Berger. The following donations are in memory of Eleanore Barth: Mary Krueger, Joanne Zeasman, Barbara Ewing, Margaret Cardiff, Barbara Durkin, Bruce and Linda Sandstrom, and Karla and Jeffrey Kostein.

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, Alyce, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Darlene, Ron K., Marian K., Judy, Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., and Ellie.

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