

Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant = \$80,000 in Assistance

Thanks to the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, and the generous matching donations, we have helped more than 50 people in our communities. Together, we have eased the pains of poverty by providing food, safe shelter, new beds, reliable transportation, utility assistance, home repairs, household necessities, and toiletries. The poverty relief assistance provided thanks to this matching grant has been life changing for these individuals.

100% of every dollar you gave, matched by the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, was used for poverty relief. Together, this is how you helped:

Rent & Shelter: \$21,737.95

During the coldest months of winter, the Family Foundation 2026 \$50,000 Matching Grant helped prevent and alleviate homelessness for 28 individuals in our community. Two senior women were finally able to move from a motel into their own apartments, bringing them comfort and stability. A family facing prolonged homelessness received their first month's rent and security deposit after nearly a year of living in their car and in motel rooms. A single mother of four was brought to tears of relief when we covered two months of rent while she recovered from surgery. Another hardworking family was spared the loss of their mobile home as the husband healed from major surgery. These are just a few examples of the lives touched by the compassion made possible through the Family Foundation 2026 \$50,000 Matching Grant.

Utilities: \$7,600.00

(Electric \$2,500 • Gas \$3,900 • Water \$1,200)

Thanks to the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, and your generous matching donations, five families and one senior citizen were protected from future utility disconnection. High winter utility costs place a significant burden on those living with limited or fixed incomes. Because of your support, we were able to relieve that stress and ensure these individuals could live without the fear of losing heat, electricity, refrigeration, or water.

Food: \$5,502.95

Your donations, matched by the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, helped ensure that children and seniors had consistent, reliable access to meals. Several disabled veterans received grocery gift cards, allowing them to maintain a balanced and nutritious diet. A single mother recovering from major surgery found relief knowing her family would not go hungry when her return to work was delayed once again.

We were able to comfort and support single mothers facing the uncertainty of not knowing where their next meal would come from, and to restock the cupboards of elderly individuals who often had only a few dollars left at the end of each month. Providing food is a true blessing—both for those who give and for those who receive.

Transportation: \$31,736.29

The largest area of assistance in the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, was transportation assistance. We have found over and over again that the lack of reliable transportation can make all the difference in maintaining employment and future shelter security. We purchased three used vehicles for those we found most in need of the blessing of reliable transportation. Desperately needed repairs were made on six worthwhile vehicles. A car was registered for a man who provides transportation to senior citizens for medical care and grocery shopping. The rising cost of fuel was eased by the addition of gas gift cards for many of the recipients of assistance these past few months. Because of your generosity, families were able to remain employed, attend essential medical appointments, and maintain a sense of stability. The Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant has been a meaningful lifeline for those in need of reliable transportation.

Beds: \$8,588.50

Thanks to the generosity of the Family Foundation donors, and each of you, thirteen individuals received the comfort of new beds. Eight elderly and disabled individuals, who had spent months sleeping on couches or even the floor, were finally able to rest in beds of their own. Two families transitioning from homelessness into safe shelter were also blessed with new beds, providing them with comfort and a renewed sense of stability.

Household Necessities: \$2,596.86

Your donations, matched by the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, provided essential household items to many individuals and families living without basic necessities. Towels, bedding, pillows, dishes, cookware, cleaning supplies, vacuums, and mops helped create a clean, safe, and welcoming environment. For those transitioning from homeless shelters to stable housing, these items were a much-needed blessing, gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

Home Repairs: \$820.00

Several needed home repairs were made possible by your donations, matched by the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant. A necessary plumbing repair was provided for an elderly couple, and Home Depot gift cards were provided for a single mother to allow her to complete several home repairs on her own.

Toiletries: \$1,417.45

Toiletry items including toothpaste, shampoo, diapers, and feminine hygiene products, were provided for single mothers with children, individuals with disabilities, the elderly and working poor families. These items helped restore personal hygiene, dignity, and sense of self-confidence for those receiving assistance.

Grand Total: \$80,000

Every dollar you donated, matched by the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, went directly to support individuals and families experiencing poverty. Thanks to your generosity and the support of the Family Foundation donors, our mission to ease the burdens of poverty has brought life-changing assistance and blessings to countless people.

Please help to continue our mission of poverty relief by donating to the new Spring Family Legacy Matching Grant. We are so blessed to have the amazing support of our matching grant providers and all of “You” who make our charity work possible!

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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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