

Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant = \$40,000 in Caring and Sharing

This week we completed the distribution of the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant and we wanted to share where your donations, generously matched by the Kune's Family Foundation, were spent in removing the pains of poverty. Thank you to the Kune's Family Foundation, and all of "You", for changing the lives of many people in our communities. Thanks to your support of our poverty relief efforts, we were able to provide \$40,000 in assistance in the following ways:

Housing Assistance: \$17,598.98

Our hearts went out to a single mom and her thirteen-year-old son after she went through a major surgery that required several months of recovery. Since the mother is a self-employed hair stylist, they had no choice but to try to get by. In addition to assistance with food and utilities, we brought her overdue rent up to date allowing this mother and son to remain safely in their affordable rental. A cancer diagnosis is not only devastating physically but also financially. After a young father had been feeling ill for some time he and his wife were shocked to find out he had advanced cancer. While they continue to fight for his life, we together provided two months' rent, removing the additional stress of homelessness due to unpaid rent while he is undergoing difficult treatments. A single mother and her young daughters were lucky to have not been home when a fire broke out in their apartment building. They not only lost all their belongings but also lost a place to live. We helped this mother and children by providing a security deposit and first months' rent. These are only a few of the fellow creations provided the blessing of safe shelter thanks to the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant and your matching donations.

Utility Assistance: \$3,600 = Electric: \$1,800 & Gas: \$1,800

Two families and a disabled woman were provided assistance with their utilities. They struggled to get by without the use of air-conditioning and were close to their disconnection dates. We together made sure the young father who is going through cancer treatments is able to stay comfortable during the hot days of summer, in addition to a disabled woman and a young recently widowed mother with an infant who were also provided utility assistance thanks to the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant.

Food Assistance: \$3,485.90

Thanks goes to "You" and the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant, for allowing us to provide food to those who are suffering due to hunger in our communities. Hungry children home on summer break need three meals a day plus healthy snacks. Senior citizens struggling due to high food prices were relieved to have assistance with their food budget. The handicapped living on fixed incomes are grateful for the additional healthy foods provided by the Kune's Family Foundation and all of "You" who made this matching grant possible. Food insecurity continues to be a problem we address daily in our communities.

Auto Assistance: Gas Gift Cards: \$3,966.10; Car Repairs: \$2,254.85

Car repairs were provided for a working poor family sharing one car between three employed family members that needed transportation. The mother, father and teenage son were all in

fear of losing their jobs as their car required a major repair to keep it running. Thanks to the Kune's Family Foundation and your matching donations, this car repair was provided to keep this hardworking family employed. Gas gift cards were appreciated by this family and twelve other recipients. Reliable transportation and the ability to purchase gas continue to be one of the best predictors for future job security and the prevention of homelessness.

Household Necessities: \$1,637.65

Sheets, pillows, and blankets were provided for the single mother and two children who lost all their belongings in the fire. A vacuum cleaner, towels, dishes, pots and pans, and cleaning supplies were provided to this family and several others. Thank you to all of "You" and the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant for making this much appreciated area of poverty relief possible.

Beds: \$2,021.00

Thanks to the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant, and your matching donations, we were able to provide new mattresses, box springs, frames and mattress pads for the single mother and children who lost all their belongings in the fire. They are filled with gratitude for the gift of sound restful sleep.

Toiletries: \$672.70

We provided toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, personal hygiene items and diapers to 6 families and individuals. These are always much needed and appreciated by those turning to us for assistance.

Appliances: \$2,762.82

It was a blessing to provide a washing machine and dryer for a disabled woman. She found it extremely difficult to travel to a laundromat to do her laundry and does not have any transportation. We also provided a new refrigerator and range for a mother with four children who did not have working appliances. She was unable to replace these appliances on her own as she worked two jobs already just to get by. Thanks to all of "You" and the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant, both these women are relieved to have the blessing of these appliances.

Home Repairs: \$2,000.00

Home repairs were provided for an elderly veteran who is recovering from a knee replacement. We also provided home repairs for an elderly woman who cares for her disabled adult son. These fellow creations could never have afforded these simple repairs that made such a major difference in their living environments.

Total Assistance: \$40,000

We thank Kune's Family Foundation, and all our generous matching donors, for making the Kune's Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant a success. Thanks to your compassion and generosity, remarkable things were accomplished for those suffering in poverty.

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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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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., Ron K., Marian K., Judy, Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Betty and Ellie.

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