

This past month we provided poverty relief to 66 people in our communities. All of these individuals were in desperate need of our assistance as they struggled with major illness, job loss, disabilities, children with life threatening illness, the elderly living on fixed incomes, transportation difficulties, escaping abusive relationships and many other hardships. These women, children, families, the elderly, and disabled fellow creations would have become homeless, hungry and unemployed without our helping hand up.

In July we spent \$40,787.96 in providing this assistance. This is how it was spent:

- \$ 3,300.00 Utilities
- \$16,030.91 Rent/Mortgage Payments
- \$ 6,924.20 Food Assistance
- \$ 3,679.47 Car Repairs & Payments
- \$ 1,273.02 Appliances - washer and dryer for a handicapped woman
- \$ 3,242.81 Household Necessities
- \$ 1,205.42 Toiletries
- \$ 950.00 Clothing/School Supplies
- \$ 4,182.13 Gas Gift Cards

With donations in the amount of \$27,858.33 we were at a deficit of \$12,929.63 for the month of July. This year has seen a decline in donations for many charities, ours included. For us to continue to provide the kind of hands-on, local assistance we have provided for over 35 years, we count on our donors and supporters to make our good works possible. We do not receive government assistance, nor do we receive support from large corporate grants. We are all hardworking volunteers who truly care about our fellow creations in distress.

One of the recipients of funds for rent in July is a 62-year-old woman who cares for several elderly and disabled people each week. She is a kind hardworking woman who cleans, lifts, bathes, cooks and makes it possible for these people in her care to have a quality of life and to live independently. Unfortunately, she is paid just enough to get by each month living frugally. Now that she needs surgery herself and needs a month-long recovery she will not be paid, so she will be at risk of eviction if she cannot pay her rent. Purchasing food will be difficult. Putting gas in her car will be a challenge. Who will help this woman if we do not? Together we made sure her rent was paid while she recovered, and we provided gift cards for food and gas so she would not endure food insecurity and be able to drive to her medical appointments.

A working poor family faced the loss of their home when the husband missed work while caring for his wife who developed a life-threatening heart condition. She was unable to care for their four children while she recovered. With our assistance they were able to concentrate on her recovery after successful heart surgery, without the added stress of the loss of their home. Together we provided two mortgage payments, a utility payment and gift cards for food and other necessities. Who would have helped this family if we could not?

Over 400 people have shed tears of relief over the helping hand up we have provided so far in 2024. It is because of them that we ask for your continued support. As has been our policy since day one of The Time is Now to Help, 100% of all donations are used to provide poverty relief. Not one penny of your donations goes towards compensation, expenses, or fund raising. Those expenses are generously paid by my company Lake Geneva Area Realty. One more favor to ask, please vote daily in the Best of Geneva Lake 2024 contest at <https://lakegenevanews.net/exclusive/readerschoice/ballot-2024/> . We have been nominated in the Best Non-Profit category. While you are there, please vote for Lake Geneva Area Realty as Best Real Estate Office/Team and Sal Dimiceli, Jr. as Best Realtor. They do so much to help us accomplish our successful poverty relief efforts.

Thank you and God Bless You for your support. Thanks to your compassion and generosity, remarkable things are being accomplished for those suffering in poverty.

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 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.

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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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