

Just as we were feeling overwhelmed by the number of requests we have been receiving over the past few months, an opportunity for a helping hand up is being offered. The Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant is beginning immediately. This matching grant will give us the helping hand up we need so we can offer a helping hand up to many fellow creations suffering in poverty in our communities. Thank you to the wonderful donors, and all of “You” for your support! We cannot do what we do alone, and we are so grateful for what we accomplish together!

Dear W.C.,

I am looking for resources for a woman who is presently living in the homeless shelter. She has no family to take her in and her time at the shelter is short. Now that she has a job, we have managed to help her find an apartment she can afford. She is unable to come up with the necessary security deposit and two months rent they are requiring due to her previous eviction. This sweet woman has been through so much, the death of her only son a few years ago and then the death of her husband six months ago. She had no savings as she had used every penny of it to care for her ailing son and then husband when he went into heart failure. She is finally coming out of her intense grief and seems ready to move on with her life once again. We would be so grateful if you could be the catalyst she needs to move out of the homeless shelter and into her own apartment. We thank you for your consideration and for everything you do as The Time is Now to Help has assisted many people who have gone through the trauma of homelessness.

Dear Readers,

As if this woman had not gone through enough trauma over the past few years, she then found herself homeless. While the homeless shelter was a saving grace for this woman in her time of need, it was not the ideal place to recover from such a loss.

The woman did not own a cell phone, so I contacted her through the woman who requested her assistance. We set up a time to all meet and discuss the homeless woman’s options.

We met the following day in the parking lot of a local church. As it was a weekday afternoon the lot was empty, and we were able to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. Both women were very cordial, and we soon found ourselves speaking like old friends.

The first subject we discussed was the homeless woman’s past and how she became homeless. The years of medical expenses and inability to work as the full-time care for both her son and then her husband had taken all her time and energy. The homeless woman still carried a great grief but shared she is now ready to try and live on her own. She was excited to start her new job and had joined a church and one of its grief support groups. These were all steps in the right direction.

We went over her budget and put together a plan to keep her on course. The woman vehemently stated she never wanted to go through being homeless again, and I knew she

meant it. With our helping hand up with two months rent, a security deposit, a new bed, gift cards for household necessities and other items she would need to make her apartment a home, she would be well on her way to a new start. I added additional gift cards for new clothing for her job and for food, as this expense continues to be almost out of reach for so many in our communities.

Both women hugged each other and shared happy tears of relief for the future we made possible for this previously homeless woman. Her life would change in so many ways thanks to her hard work and determination, matched by all our hard work and determination that wants to see our fellow creations succeed.

Thank you for allowing us to change this wonderful woman's future. God Bless You for your support that made this assistance and all our poverty relief efforts possible.

*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.

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