

In August we featured a family that we named the “Special Family”. This family had many special needs, beyond the day to day needs of a single mother and children. This family included a daughter who was especially challenged due to her disabilities that left her in need of a custom wheelchair. She could not use just any wheelchair, it had to be one made to fit her body’s needs so she no longer suffered in pain and would allow her to be as independent as possible. Thanks to your response to our request for donations for the “Special Family” \$8,425 was raised for their needs.

We feel an update is necessary to let all those who have donated know where those funds were spent. While this special young lady still is waiting for the delivery of her specialty wheelchair we have helped the family in multiple other areas. You cannot imagine the poverty they are living in and the gratitude they have for the help they are receiving thanks to your support. This is how we have helped so far:

\$1,650.00	Security Deposit & Rent
\$350.00	Food Assistance
\$20,612.77	Wheelchair Accessible Van
\$3,212.00	New Beds for Family with frames, mattress covers, furniture
\$300.00	Household Necessities
\$240.00	Toiletries
<u>\$5,000.00</u>	Specialized Wheelchair Downpayment
\$31,364.77	Total

As you can see, we have yet to purchase the wheelchair that was quoted at \$17,435.05. This wheelchair is a Motion Concepts Rovi A3 with power tilt and recline system, a joystick, specialized cushions, headrest and backrest modifications, adjustable armrests, trunk support, a multi-function controller, and two batteries, everything that is necessary to accommodate a quadriplegic. We have already provided a \$5,000 down payment with the balance due at delivery. We cannot wait to see the smile on our special young lady’s face when she experiences abilities and mobility she has never felt before.

The many needs of this one family came to light as we progressed with our assistance. We were not aware they had been living in a rental that was not fully wheelchair accessible. Our special young lady would bump into narrow doorways and sometimes even fall over in her present wheelchair due to lack of clearance and floor level changes. You can imagine how dangerous this was for her as she is not even able to right herself or use her arms to break the fall. We could not let them continue to live with those deficits. The poverty they lived in was profound and our hearts could not provide the necessary wheelchair upgrade but leave them to suffer in so many other ways. Every family member cares for this young lady and lovingly gives up their own needs so she may have more of what she needs. With the addition of new beds for the whole family, including new bedding, and a dining table and chairs that are wheelchair accessible, they have all been touched by your generosity. Additional food was provided when other daily needs caused them to run short on food. Together we have alleviated these pains of poverty.

A used wheelchair accessible van became available thanks to a friend of The Time is Now to Help searching endlessly until one was found. This van is a life changer for this family. No longer does our young lady need to be painfully lifted out of her wheelchair to be transported in their car. Any lifting is extremely painful for her and her family members who were lifting her daily. When we surprised this mother and her family with this vehicle, so many happy tears were cried. She could not believe the van was theirs to keep and I listened as she named all the places she wanted to go now that they had reliable transportation that did not require the painful lifting she had come to dread.

As you can see, we are still in need of funds for this “Special Family”. We know there are many deserving causes and many needs in our country at this time, but if you had been considering a donation to this “Special Family” we would be very grateful for your help. We knew it would take a significant amount of funds to make the necessary changes for this family. Thanks to the generous people in our community, we knew it would not be impossible to provide this assistance. We are so grateful for the charitable work we can do thanks to “You”.

Thank you for helping us provide poverty relief throughout our communities. Please donate at this time as all your donations will be matched by the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, doubling your donation. 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.

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Memorials: Greg and LuAnn Himebauch in memory of Jean Luerksen.

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., Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Betty, Ellie, Concetta and Cheryl.

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