

## **Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant = \$100,000 in Poverty Relief**

Thanks to the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant we have been able to ease the pains of poverty for 65 senior citizens, the handicapped, veterans, single mothers, children and working poor family members in our communities. We began this matching grant on October 2, 2024, and last week we completed the distribution of funds to those most in need of poverty relief.

100% of all funds donated to the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant were used to provide the following assistance:

### **RENT/SHELTER = \$21,769.33**

Thanks to the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, many people were spared the pains of homelessness. For an elderly woman caring for her adult disabled daughter, three months of mortgage payments have been a life saver. Four single mothers and their children were provided with rent payments when accidents, loss of transportation, or illness, put them at risk for eviction. Six senior women were provided with the blessing of rent assistance. A working poor family with three disabled children was provided rent assistance to allow them to afford other family necessities and supplies. Thank you for this very important part of our poverty relief efforts.

### **UTILITIES = \$10,350 = Electric: \$6,350, Gas: \$2,400, Water: \$1,600**

Gas, electric and water utilities were paid for those most vulnerable to the effects of utility disconnection. Your donations, matched by the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, made this utility assistance possible. For those living on a fixed income, the rising cost of food, rent, prescription medications and other expenses, can make it difficult to keep up with utility payments. This matching grant has provided utility assistance for 33 fellow creations in our communities.

### **FOOD = \$7,621.40**

Your donations, matched by the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, successfully removed the pain and hunger caused by food insecurity for many people since October 2nd. Hunger has been removed for children, senior citizens, veterans, working poor families, single mothers and the handicapped. Nutritious fruits, vegetables, eggs, and other fresh foods are always in need and always appreciated, but not easily afforded. Thanks to this matching grant fresh food has been provided to those most in need.

### **HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES = \$2,624.55**

Your donations, matched by the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, provided many senior citizens, single mothers, children, and working poor families with sheets, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, vacuums, and many other household necessities.

For people leaving homeless shelters, motels and living in cars, these items are out of reach. We have made these items available to many people as they move into stable housing, thanks to this matching grant.

**TOILETRIES = \$1,050**

Thanks to “You” and the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, and much more were provided to those who could not afford these items. Personal hygiene should not be a luxury. Keeping children in clean diapers should not be impossible. For many of our senior citizens and single mothers, these items are all luxuries and impossible to fit in a budget.

**TRANSPORTATION = \$56,584.72**

Our largest area of assistance was transportation. For some people, the only solution to their poverty was having reliable transportation. Being able to have reliable transportation makes all the difference in preventing job loss and homelessness. Some people were driving cars that were dangerous or too damaged to repair. Some did not have cars at all and were relying on Uber or other modes of transportation. This is expensive and not a long-term solution. Four cars were purchased for those in need of transportation for continued employment. These were cars that were carefully reviewed and found to be in excellent condition. In addition, we paid three car payments for a single mother, extensive repairs were done on three cars found to be worth fixing, and new tires were installed on three cars to allow safer travels. Over \$6,000 in gas gift cards were provided for these people and many more. We stretched every dollar in order to help as many people as possible obtain reliable transportation.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$100,000.00**

Many tears of gratitude have been shed since the beginning of the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant. The lives touched have been transformed. As always, we too are grateful for your donations that allow us to continue our poverty relief efforts throughout our communities.

Thank “You” and God Bless “You” for making the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant a success story for those touched by the compassion and generosity you shared!

*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,

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