

## **Alone, Stuck in a Wheelchair, and too Proud to ask for Help**

**Dear Readers,**

This time we helped someone that was not brought to our attention by a letter from a concerned neighbor, friend or family member. The person themselves did not write in requesting help. This time I noticed a need for assistance when a casual, everyday greeting, "Hello. How are you?" was answered with, "Fine."

I happened to be curious enough to inquire further into how they were really doing. After all these years, I can tell when someone is attempting to maintain a sense of pride. I can tell when I look into their face, look into their eyes, notice their body language, as they turn their head away..., if indeed they are not "Fine."

As I continued, I knew I needed to establish an honest approach of communication. I openly stated, "You know, I would never lie to you." The person looked back at me quickly, stating, "I would not lie to you either." I thanked them for that.

I feel, to get to really know someone, sooner than later, and to create a relationship, openness and honesty is very important. Two people can relate and communicate much better when they can ask, and answer questions with nothing but pure honesty.

I began telling this person a little about myself. I was silent for a few moments before I asked, "How are you doing financially?" I asked in this manner, because maybe my first question was not as direct. There was a hesitation. I reminded this person that we were creating a friendship and truth was very important. The person said, "Not so good."

I asked, "Why? Where are you falling short financially?" The person replied, "Just about everywhere. My rent is past due. I lost my roommate, but the roommate never really helped me. My roommate was just sponging off me." I asked, "How is that?"

The person said, "My disability check does not amount to much, but it did allow for a roof over our heads. The other person was not contributing though. We had a falling out, and now that person has left. I was tired of being used. It hurts me, in my condition, for someone to take advantage of me. Over the past several months, I have had extra medical expenses, so the rent fell behind, and the utilities are going to be shut off."

We reached out and helped. We brought the rent and utilities up to date. I was

asked, "If there are any jobs you know of for a handicapped person, please keep me informed."

I have seen this person several more times since and they are doing much better. This person is much happier thanks to all of us Caring and Sharing.

### **WWJD – Our Fellow Creations Need Our Help**

We presently have a lot of requests for help. In order to help ease the pain and sorrow of poverty, please donate what you can.

**Please Help by Caring and Sharing. Send your donation to:** *The Time Is Now to Help*, PO Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. Every penny of your donation will go to the needy for daily necessities of life including: food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, shelter assistance, and household necessities.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless, WC*

**Food for pantries:** Thanks to the Stinebrink's of Pick N Save, the volunteers, and Frank Guske, it was another successful day bringing food to many of the food pantries, the last Saturday of April. Please, everyone, remember the date for the next food delivery at the Lake Geneva Pick N Save will be Saturday, May 26, 2007. For any of you, who have a truck, van, jeep, or some way to transport food, please volunteer with your friends, relatives, neighbors, etc. Please plan on arriving at 1:00 PM at the Lake Geneva Pick N Save. For two hours of your help, many will be fed. I thank all of you for Caring and Sharing.

**A Big Thank You to:** Eli Warzynski, Desiree & Ron Lipowski, Jackie & George Leedle, Brenda & Greg Wisniewski. [[[I N S E R T P H O T O O F 2 V A N S ] ] ]

**CORRECTION Events:** Wednesday, May 16, 2007 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, Side by Side will be hosting a fundraiser at the Cactus Club. Tickets are \$9 and will be sold at the door. Side by Side is a wonderful new charitable foundation, doing God's work.

**A Special Thank You To:** MA Johnson, MJ Seeber, RB Seeber, Complete Fence of Elburn, Denise & Gregory Giovannetti, Steven & Susan Woodcock, Marjorie Gahart,

Delilah Flaum, Judith Stipp in memory of Leo Grace, Dawn Schwemm in memory of Gordon & Rose Schwemm, ALL of you who support *The Time Is Now to Help* donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a *Time Is Now to Help* donation box in your business, please call 262-249-7000.

**Please make checks payable to: *The Time Is Now to Help*.** *The Time Is Now to Help* is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization licensed in the states of Wisconsin and Illinois. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing exactly what every penny of your donation provided for the poverty stricken.

**Endowments/Helping Others through Your Will:** For those of you who wish to leave an endowment for the poverty stricken, we would greatly accept any gifts. Please think of those in desperate need, good people, living in fear of poverty and consider helping them through your will.

**Desperately Needed Cars:** If anyone has a car they can donate, knowing you will be helping people get back on their feet, out of their desperate need for transportation to work, etc., please call 262-249-7000. We have many in desperate need of reliable transportation, so they can regain their independence, retain their jobs, provide food and necessities for their families, and ease their pain and suffering. Thank You and God Bless You.

Please visit: HYPERLINK "<http://www.TimeIsNowToHelp.org>"

**May we be an Example of Goodness by the Life We Live.**

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