

Dear W.C.,

8/11/08

My husband of 44 years passed away years ago. We both received social security and just got by month to month. After my husband's death I was given his higher social security amount but lost mine.

I had to move into a very small efficiency apartment in order to make ends meet. The cost for everything has gone up so much that it is getting harder and harder for me to get by. I have been having a terrible sinking feeling for the past few months. I am all alone and this makes me feel even more lost. Just writing to you makes me feel hopeful. I do not know what to do.

God Bless,
A Scared Senior

My Dear Readers,

This elderly woman had no telephone so I decided to make a visit right after I read her letter, even though it was 8:30 p.m. By the time I arrived it was almost 9 p.m., a little late for most people. I have found out after many years of helping people, there is no right time to visit a person in need. Help is always welcomed.

After I knocked, and read some of her letter thru the locked door, the door opened. I was greeted by a very frail looking senior citizen. After looking me in the eyes and reaching for my hand she said, "I have been praying for this moment." She then began to cry. After consoling her and reassuring her that we of The Time Is Now to Help will make things better, she started to cry again, saying thru her tears, "I am so relieved I have someone to talk to."

We visited for an hour and a half, with a promise of more time together in the future. During our visit I checked her much depleted food supply. She told me she had no choice, she did not want to become homeless. She always paid her rent first and her food was last on her list of expenses.

After a steady supply of good nutritious food over the next few weeks we renewed her energy and vitality. She told me, "I thought age was the reason I was feeling so lethargic." She offered me a much stronger hug than her hug she gave me on our first visit. I thanked God aloud for giving both of us strength. She laughed, and then cried happy tears, saying, "Thank you for my new friends and my renewed life."

We also worked on applying for housing assistance. Even with the long waiting period the substantial reduction in rent can make a large difference in a budget. Together we helped with rent until her housing assistance began.

She now has a new circle of friends looking after her, all feeling great over Caring and Sharing. There is so much more to life when we do God's will and care for each other.

The volunteers I networked to her told me how tough economic times show us that people are more important than more and how good they felt helping someone. Doing good works is contagious. Something happens inside of us, giving us understanding and significance to our own well being.

I get so emotionally distraught from the overwhelming number of people who have fallen on hard times, sharing their despair, fear, loneliness and loss of hope. I then get renewed by the spirit, seeing the new condition of life and living we lead people into.

Those I need and I thank all of you for Caring and Sharing.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

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Desperately Needed Cars: Once again we have a desperate need for used cars. If anyone has a car they are thinking of trading in or an extra car you are not using, please think of those who are in desperate need of transportation to get them to and from work so they can provide the daily necessities for their families. Without reliable transportation it makes their situation even more desperate.

Please Care & Share.

Pick ‘N Save “We Care” Program: Please sign up for the “We Care” program at your local Pick ‘N Save. A percentage of each purchase will go directly to The Time is Now to Help. All you have to do is designate The Time is Now, account number **832410**, on your Advantage Plus Savers Club Card application.

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