

Dear W.C.,

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My husband has been out of work since the beginning of last year. His job provided us with our health insurance also. I work long hours as a waitress but do not have any benefits. Our teenage daughter became ill last spring, after our insurance lapsed. We were shocked and heartbroken to find out she had cancer. We fought this horrible disease even without insurance and now find ourselves in huge debt. Not only that, she is losing the battle and now we have had to face that as well. I never dreamed this is what would become of my life. So much heartbreak and loss... I know you may not even be able to help us. We are behind in our rent and utilities. The day our utilities will be disconnected is fast approaching. We will surely be evicted soon. Please help our family.

Heartbroken Mother

Dear Readers,

Whenever I deal with a family struggling with a chronically ill or terminally ill child, I find it especially heart breaking. This family has not only had to deal with job loss, pending eviction, and struggling through a recession. They have had an even harder struggle watching their only child bravely go through painful, debilitating procedures. They have watched their daughter cry as she questioned them, "Why am I so sick?" It is the hardest thing a parent can endure. All while knowing they did not have insurance or any savings to cover such a catastrophic illness. They did not have money for the much needed prescriptions and other necessary health care items. The mother used her only credit card until it was full to pay for her prescriptions. She showed me her credit card statements to prove this.

The mother works full time as a waitress. She works long hours and relies on her tips. The father works in a trade that is not hiring during a recession. He has since gotten a job at a factory that has insurance, but the daughter's condition is pre-existing. He earns half what he used to earn but is happy to just be able to contribute to the families upkeep. Neither of the parents are drinkers or smokers. Just hard working struggling American's trying to survive.

Trying to keep my emotions in check they introduced me to their daughter. She was lying on the couch watching television like any normal teenager, but all other resemblance to a normal teenager ended there. She was thin, bald, and looked old beyond her years. She looked so frail, as if she might break. She greeted me with a weak smile and proceeded to thank me for helping her family. At that point I knew we had to help them through this most difficult time. I hid my tears and waited until later, when I got in my car to let the tears flow. I felt an overwhelming thankfulness for my own healthy family and said a prayer of thanks as the tears spilled down my face. Knowing I had to be strong I wiped the tears from my face and got to work. We paid their rent and utilities up to date and into the future. We provided

them with gas and food vouchers to help ease their financial struggle. We also had several repairs done on the mother's older car. The mother cried when she learned of all the assistance The Time Is Now to Help provided them. She was overwhelmed by our compassion. She said she finally felt like someone was helping her shoulder the overwhelming burden she was living with every day.

The last time we spoke the mother sadly told me her daughter has moved into hospice care. She spends every minute she can at her daughters side. When she is at work the father sits at her side. She again thanked The Time Is Now to Help for providing her family with the financial security to see them through this without becoming homeless. Thank you for Caring and Sharing and allowing The Time Is Now to Help to be there to offer them a helping hand.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing for our fellow American's in need.

Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone, W.C.

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