

Dear W.C.,

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I am a single father trying to raise my children on my own. After 12 years on the job, the company I worked for went out of business, due to the recession. I was able to get another job recently but it does not pay much. I didn't want to lose my house so I took in two boarders to help pay the rent. One of the boarders has been diagnosed with cancer and has been unable to go to work for the last month due to her treatments. She is an older woman with no living family. She has become like one of the family and my children love her. She helped me by watching them when I went on job interviews this past year. Now she is unable to pay her portion of the rent but I will not ask her to leave with nowhere to go.

My other boarder is a young man that works hard for only \$7.00 an hour. He was referred to me by a church. They told me his family is all drunks and drug addicts. The young man wants nothing to do with them.

With two of us making so little I cannot catch up on the utilities. I spend every penny just to keep the roof over our heads. I find myself unable to evict these boarders since I know they need me now. I have too big of a heart I guess. I pray every day for guidance.

Scared Father with a Big Heart

Dear Readers,

This man is just as his letter was signed, a scared man with a big heart. I went to meet him at his house and was greeted by a big rough looking man. His tough looks couldn't hide his caring and sharing heart. He invited me in after a firm hand shake while hiding the tears in his eyes. He told me in his deep voice, "I am so ashamed.", as he covered his tears with his big hands. After I told him how there are millions of fellow American's having a very hard time, he thanked me for coming over and invited me in. I thanked him for loving his children enough to ask for help when he needed it.

His small house was crowded with people. His children were young teenagers. There also was a young man that looked to be in his early twenties and a woman that appeared to be in her sixties. They all looked happy to see me there and said they would like to talk together. They said they were like family and could share anything.

Grandma, as the older woman was so endearingly called, talked about her obvious health problems. The woman said she had been through surgery and had more chemotherapy treatments yet to go through. Her problem was she was too sick and weak to get to work at her part time job. They said they were downsizing when they laid her off but she thinks it was due to her absences, illness, and age. She is grateful to have a roof over her head and friends that treat her like family and care for her when she is too sick to move. She knows the

position she has placed this family in, and feels extremely guilty over it, but does not want to live on the street as she struggles to stay alive. The big man spoke up and told her she is family and is staying with them. The children backed up their father, echoing their love for her. The woman reached out to hug the two children and had tears in her eyes as she looked at all of them.

I convinced them The Time Is Now to Help will pay her portion of the rent for six months. I also told them we would stop the utilities from being disconnected by bringing their gas and electric bills up to date. As I said this I saw again the tears in the big man's eyes.

The father then spoke about his own life of struggle, his wife falling into alcoholism, trying to raise children on his own, his job loss and decision to take in two people that were struggling through rough times as well. He has done an excellent job of teaching his children compassion for others. They both maintain good grades at school. He is a man willing to work hard for those he loves. He has felt overwhelmed with so many people counting on him for survival and reached out to The Time Is Now to Help for a helping hand. We grabbed that hand and lifted this family to its feet again. Due to their lack of food we provided them with nourishing food to bring them back to health again. I was able to refer both the young man and the big hearted father to new, better paying jobs. The employers are very happy with their hard, devoted work. We gave them all hope again. Together we showed how fellow Americans care, with compassion, for one another. Thank you for your Caring and Sharing to make this possible.

I thank all of you for your support to *The Time Is Now to Help*. Together we make a big difference helping our fellow creations of God.

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

**Please Help:** Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. 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.

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**Memorials:** John & Karla Zils in memory of Robert & Carolyn Bergman.

**Upcoming Event:** SU-MOE Golf Scramble, Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2010, 12 P.M. 18-hole shotgun, at Evergreen Golf Club, Elkhorn, WI. This event will benefit the W.C. Resource Center Food Pantry. Pay by April 24<sup>th</sup>-\$65 per player, includes golf with cart and dinner. Raffles and silent auction will follow. For more information please contact John @ 262-215-0895 or Moe @ 262-227-5161. Come enjoy a great day of golf for a great cause, feeding our poverty stricken neighbors.

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