

Dear W.C.,

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I am very worried about one of our tenants. She is an elderly widow. As a single mother I financially cannot help her. I know she cannot take care of her bills and medical needs herself. She is behind in her rent and I do not think she has the funds to pay it. She's been late before but usually only needs a notice to remind her and she pays immediately. I have sent her two notices now and she is still two months behind. She is unable to leave her home without assistance. I know her wish is to remain independent but I worry about this dear woman all the time. Could you check on her?

Worried Property Manager

Dear Readers,

There are so many seniors in need of quality care in our country. Many wish to remain independent, and I applaud them in their determination. Some live in assisted living facilities or residential care settings. Some are able to afford the expense of living in these facilities and some qualify for assistance. Unfortunately many seniors fall through the cracks and do not receive the assistance they need. This lovely woman was a perfect example of the later. She had one son that lived out of state. He could not afford to help his mother or visit to check on her. She did not want to go into an assisted living facility because she said all her friends that went into them died. She said she had always been an independent woman and her independence is what gave her, her purpose to live.

When I called her she was very reserved on the phone. She knew about The Time Is Now to Help and was a reader of our column. She also seemed to guess who may have written on her behalf. She knew the woman that managed the apartments. She said she often would bring over a plate for her at lunch time or offer to pick up groceries. She didn't want to feel like a burden so she often turned down her offers of assistance, even though she desperately needed help. I assured her the woman truly wanted to help.

She invited me to visit and I was with her in less than an hour. We soon found ourselves talking comfortably. She admitted to being short of funds for her rent due to extra medical expenses. She had diabetes and high blood pressure and needed her prescription medications. She told me she had tried doing without her prescription medications on several occasions, in order to be able to pay her rent, and she had become very ill. She also was behind in her utilities. She had not used her air conditioning all month and was thankful for a fairly cool summer, except for a few hot days. Unfortunately her whole apartment was run by electric and she still had a substantial amount overdue. She agreed to sign up for Meals on Wheels. She had applied for utility assistance but received no help there. The Time Is Now to Help brought her utilities and rent up to date. I then talked to her about what assistance to apply

for. She never spoke with any one about what services were available to her. She said she wanted to stay in her apartment but knew she needed some help. She did not want to move out of state by her son. He had lost his job and was struggling to pay his own bills. After we went over the benefits she could receive she was very relieved. She began to smile and cry at the same time. I hugged her as she tried to compose herself. Later we found a wonderful home care giver. This arrangement has allowed her to remain independent. I encouraged her to still consider a nursing home in her future and after I assured her there was quality care she agreed to think about it for the future. Until then she is happy to be cared for in her own small apartment. We do not want to see any one fall through the cracks and not receive the love, care, and assistance they need.

We are now two-thirds of the way to our goal of \$30,000 in the Richard Driehaus Matching Grant. Please take advantage of Richard Driehaus' Matching Grant. There are many American's desperately in need of our help to ease their pain and suffering of poverty. Every dollar you donate will be matched by Richard, doubling your donation. At this time we have many desperate requests for assistance. Please, Please Help.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

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

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