

Dear W.C.,

8/24/09

I am a divorced father trying to do what's right for my children. I have not been able to buy my children clothes or school supplies. I am barely keeping food on the table. Our rent hasn't been paid in two months and we are about to be evicted. My old truck needs repairs. I am really overwhelmed doing this on my own. I just want to take good care of my children.

Please help,

A Good Father

Dear Readers,

Most of the people The Time Is Now to Help assists are seniors, single mothers, the handicapped, and struggling families. A small percentage of who we help is single fathers. I believe most women do retain primary parent status when they get a divorce. Most of these women should have the primary parent status but there are some women that want it for all the wrong reasons. It should be because they are the more capable, responsible, loving parent, not due to financial gain or revenge. The children's well-being should be of the utmost concern.

This father was dealing with an ex-wife that had primary placement of the children when she was not able to provide a stable loving home life. She started out going to the bars at night while the young children slept at home alone. The only thing she cared about was her party lifestyle. She could not get up in the morning to help the children get ready for school. She was still sleeping when the bus brought them home in the afternoon and she never was there in the evening to help with homework or provide a nutritious meal. The teachers began to inquire why the children were late for school, homework was not completed, and were worried over their hygiene. When they could not reach the mother to pick-up one of the children from school when they were sick, they called the father. The school spoke of their rising concerns about the children's welfare. He knew she wasn't a good mother to the children but could not do anything. The courts had decided she was to have primary placement and he had limited contact with the children. He was required to pay her a very high child support that left him struggling to even make ends meet himself. He paid it believing it was going to the care of his children. When he learned it was going to pay for her drinking and not for rent, clothing, and food for his children, he was outraged. When he went to her house to confront her of what he suspected, she called the police and had a restraining order placed on him. He truly felt helpless.

Soon after that his ex-wife showed up at his door with the children in tow. She pushed them through the door and said she no longer wanted them. He was stunned at her cold treatment of the children. She hasn't been over to see the children for several months now. The father

believes she is even deeper into her drinking and partying lifestyle. She called to say she still wanted her child support payment or she would call the police and have him arrested for keeping the children. He paid it believing her threats and only wanting to keep his children safe with him.

Thank God they have a loving, caring father to pick up the pieces. The father has been helping them to catch up at school. The teachers had great reports on the children since they moved in with the father. He makes sure they are clean and well cared for. Unfortunately, paying the ex-wife child support, even though it is not going to the care of the children, has made it impossible for him to provide for the children properly.

The Time Is Now to Help stepped in and provided food, rent, and vouchers for school supplies. We provided the children with much needed shoes and school clothes. We referred the father to both the W.C. Family Resource Center for food assistance and directed him where to receive more clothing assistance. We also provided a much needed repair to his truck he uses for work. He is employed and would be able to pay his bills if he didn't have his ex-wife threatening him for child support payments she does not need or deserve. We spoke of his legal options and he is pursuing the right path for the custody of his children. Until his wife is clean and sober he does not want her to have access to hurting or endangering their children. Together we have helped a good father and two precious children.

Thanks to your Caring and Sharing we have almost met 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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