

Dear W.C.,

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I am a single mother with two children. I lost my husband last year. My children and I lived in my mother's house with her until she passed away earlier this year. I paid for the utilities and food. I cared for her in her final days while she battled diabetes and heart disease. I had to give up my job in order to care for her around the clock the last two months of her life. Her last request was to be with me in her home. Then after she passed away I thought I would be able to find a job again but there are none to be found. We cannot afford to stay in her home even though it was her wish for us to stay here. We have no funds to pay the past due mortgage. The bank is taking back the house. We will have nothing left after this and nowhere to go. My children and I are joining America's many homeless. I have looked into the homeless shelter but there is a long waiting list. The painful loss of my mother and now the fear of becoming homeless with my children has me in a very depressed state. I know I need to be strong for my children, but I am at a loss with no one to help me except for The Time Is Now. I am in constant fear of what is going to happen to us.

Grieving Fearful Daughter

Dear Readers,

I know myself how painful the loss of your mother can be and to now face homelessness with the two children is devastating for this broken family. The caring daughter came to her mother's aid when she needed her most. She lovingly cared for her until the time of her passing. She did not worry about the state of her mother's finances because her mother had always been very good about paying her bills. She thinks it just became too much for her to handle financially near the end when she only had her social security to rely on. Before the mother became sick she had always had a part time job to help pay her bills. The mother wanted to remain in her home even when it became evident she could no longer care for herself or the home. Her daughter volunteered to move in with her and helped pay for food and utilities until she had to quit her job to take care of the mother full time. The bills were piling up before she passed away but she kept telling the daughter she was taking care of them, not to worry. By the time the mother passed away the house payments were severely behind.

When I visited their home it looked dark and unwelcoming. The woman had the heat turned down as low as they could stand it. There were only two dim bulbs on. The house was very old and had not been cared for in some time. The daughter had kept it clean. She has been out job hunting for a full time job but has not found anything yet. She told me she was considering a part time job just to keep the gas bill paid. It certainly did not pay much but she is going to take that job for now. At least it was during the day when the kids were in school so she did not have to pay for day care or a sitter.

It was too late to save their home from foreclosure. The sheriff sale was in two weeks. The Time Is Now to Help assisted them with a security deposit and first month's rent for a small, inexpensive apartment. She has applied for utility and housing assistance, but the waiting list is years long. She has now found a full time job, but the pay is still much less than she used to earn. Her children are enrolled in afterschool care and that has helped her a lot. They did not need any furniture or household necessities since they had most everything they needed from the mothers house, even if it was very old. The daughter's car was very old and needed more repairs than it was worth. She is driving it cautiously for now and is on a waiting list for a donated car. We hope her car can hold out until that occurs. For now she is counting her blessings of her children, health, and a warm, safe place to call home. Once again, together, we have prevented some of our fellow creations from becoming homeless.

We are nearing the deadline for the MLH \$25,000 Matching Grant. We are over half way to our goal. **Please take advantage of the MLH \$25,000 Matching Grant.** Every dollar you donate will be matched by another until December 17, 2009. Please help our fellow American's who have fallen on hard times. Thank you for Caring and Sharing. Also, our annual McDonald's Day Fundraiser will be held Saturday, December 19, 2009. Please see details below.

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.

McDonald's Day Fundraiser: Please join us Saturday, December 19th, 2009. For the seventh year Bill McEssy is donating 100% of his gross sales from his 6 local McDonald's to The Time Is Now to Help. Please eat at one of Bill's following McDonald's locations: Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva Wal-Mart, Elkhorn, Delavan, East Troy, and Burlington. Every penny you spend will go to help our local poverty stricken of our communities.

A Very Special Thank You: MLH, Michael & Sue Borden, Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust, Geneva Lake Development Corp., Kaiser Chiropractic, Paper Dolls, Fontana Garden Club, Martin O'Brien, Steven & Deidred Trumble, Kathleen Warren, Marvin & Audrey Hersko, William & Jean Isaacson, Kathy Papenfus, Donald & Gladys Keith, Margarie Egger, James & Claudia Schmidt, George & Debra Reuss, Jr., Michael Glass, Robert & Mary Lou Schroeder, Lillian Rudolf, Jack & Mary Lou Mc Kinney, John & Kristi Hugunin, Paul & Phyllis Bixler, W.C. Family Resource Center/Food Pantry volunteers, ALL of you who support The Time Is Now to Help donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now donation

box in your business, please call (262)249-7000.

Memorials: Barbara Giovannoni in memory of her brother Dennis Grimm.

Please Volunteer: The W.C. Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Please call (262)348-0600 and leave your name and phone number. We need your help.

We Desperately Need Cars: Please donate a used car to help our fellow American's get to work and other daily necessities.

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