

## **DISABLED, NEEDING HELP AND HOPE**

Dear W.C.

2/23/09

I am handicapped due to a spinal cord injury. I remember how life used to be, several years ago, before my accident. Now I spend my days alone either in my wheelchair or lying in my bed. I get very lonely. I am somewhat shy. I am considered intelligent but do not feel useful to society. The only assistance I receive is disability, which is not enough to live on. I was wondering if I would qualify for help.

Dear Readers:

When I first met this person I found a very caring, God loving person. I find God in most of the lives of those in need. God gives them strength. This person was very shy. After their initial reticence I was able to give some direction for some additional financial aid. Together we helped with rent, utilities, food, household items and a network of two individuals who have become good, caring friends.

For many different reasons there are numerous people suffering in poverty: a disability, job loss, earning less money, increased cost of living... I assure you those we are helping are fellow creations of our Lord in true need of our assistance. We do our best to be sure they are good hard working fellow American's who have fallen on hard times. I thank each and every one of you for Caring and Sharing.

Our requests for help have tripled. This is the largest plea for assistance we have seen in many years. Please take advantage of the gracious offer from the Drescher Family Charitable Trust to match every dollar donated for the months of February and March.

Everyone that is asking for assistance is also in need of food. That is why the Drescher Family Charitable Trust has purchased a building that will house the soon to open W.C. Food Pantry. There is such a need for food by our fellow Americans who are going hungry during this recession. This is especially evident by the free breakfast and lunch programs offered by our schools. For many children the only meals they receive during the week are at school.

We need to assist all our food pantries by volunteering or donating. We need another location to ease the strain of the hungry and feed those in the pains of poverty. We are able to purchase food at 19 cents a pound through America's Second Harvest /Feeding America and other sources where we can buy food much cheaper in bulk. Food drives are great and needed, but monetary donations can purchase two to three times as much food and we will be able to buy foods that are in the highest need.

Our food pantry located at the corner of Hwy. NN and County Rd. H in Geneva Township will serve our hungry neighbors. Those that are shut-in will be able to have food delivered to them.

I want to thank Lakeland Builders Association for the wonderful volunteer work they have done remodeling the food pantry. I want to thank Jean and Kent Kruzan of Kruzan Construction, Ron Amann of R.J. Amann Builders, Drywall Plus, Advantage Alarm, Stephan Electric, Cory's Painting Service, and everyone else who has been helping for the wonderful work they have done to help those in need. God bless each and every one of them.

I also want to thank Frank Guske, Jr. for presenting our cause to the Scouts and to all the troop leaders and parents for providing many volunteers. I thank them for their graciousness and their kindness. I want to thank all the officials of Walworth County and Geneva Township. I want to thank the Lake Geneva Fire Department, and the Health Department for their guidance and their caring. I want to thank all who offered to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer at the W.C. Food Pantry please call Frank Guske, Jr. at (312) 656-6178. He is coordinating all volunteer efforts and making sure our food pantry is staffed properly. You may also contact the food pantry in the near future at (262)348-0600.

Together with everyone's Caring and Sharing we will make sure those in need are cared for and offered hope. Their pains of poverty will be eased through our heartfelt help.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

**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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**Needed Cars:** Once again we have a need for used cars. If anyone has a car they are thinking of trading in or an extra car you are not using, please think of those who are in desperate need of transportation to get them to and from work so they can provide the daily necessities for their families. Without reliable transportation it makes their situation even more desperate. Please Care & Share.

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[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and help to raise funds for The Time Is Now to Help. Just make [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) your homepage, pick The Time Is Now as your charity and the rest is simple. You can even shop some of your favorite online retailers. It is a fun and easy way to help the poverty stricken.

**Endowments/Helping Others through Your Will:** For those of you who wish to leave an endowment for the poverty stricken, we would greatly accept any gifts. Please think of those in desperate need, good people, living in fear of poverty and consider helping them through your will.

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