

Dear W.C.,

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I am writing to ask for assistance for my best friend. She is one of the good American's I often see you writing about. She is a hard working single mother to a wonderful 10 year old daughter. She lost her own business due to the poor economy. She is now working for a local store at minimum wage. She fell so far behind due to her loss of income. She was very embarrassed to tell me she needed help. I told her how The Time Is Now to Help is there to help people. She couldn't believe there was an organization like yours. She is always the one that helps everyone else around her. I have never seen her turn down a plea for help, be it pet sitting, house cleaning help, or yard work for senior citizens. She never accepts a dime for this help, it comes from her heart. She is always there for everyone else. I know she is a hard working, deserving single mom. Could you possibly talk to her?

A Caring/Worried Friend

Dear Readers,

I first called on the writer of the letter to ask a few questions. She was one of the many neighbors that have been helped by the single mom. She asked me to please call on her friend because she knew she was in a bad way. She told me her own family was struggling with job loss and the poor economy, but refused help for herself. She wanted any assistance we could offer to go to her friend in need. She even told me she had visited her friend last week at her apartment and had been appalled to see very little food. Her friends' car had broken down. She looked sad, thin, and had rings under her eyes. She asked me to please check on her as soon as possible.

I found myself knocking on her door within an hour, since her phone was disconnected. It was answered by a thin, tired looking woman. She politely inquired who I was and when I told her I was W.C. coming to help, she broke into tears. She had not expected anyone to help her. After she asked me several more questions she invited me in. Her apartment was small but neatly kept. She had a small friendly dog and a cat she was caring for, for a friend that had lost their home to foreclosure. Even in her desperate time herself she was still helping others.

We talked at length about her business loss, her present job, her daughter and her daughter's father that did not have any contact with her. She did not receive child support and was not receiving any assistance. She had applied for housing and utility assistance but was on a very long waiting list. She had just heard about the W.C. Family Resource Center and was planning on going there as soon as her car was running again. She had been getting a ride from her neighbor part way to work and walking the rest of the way, through the snow, wind, and storms. She did not complain about her situation. She did not ask for any help. When I

offered what I could see her and her daughter needed so desperately she tried to decline. She burst into tears again because her Caring and Sharing heart wanted the assistance to go to someone else in need. I convinced her she needed our help so she could continue to help the many seniors counting on her strength and health. Also, her daughter was counting on her as a mother to get strong again. She desperately needed our help. I could see she had been denying herself in order to give what little food she had to her daughter. She agreed she had been tired and unable to help the many people that count on her due to her lack of food and a reliable car. When I asked her how far she was behind in her rent she showed me her eviction notice and several late notices for utilities. We helped to bring these up to date and paid her utilities a little ahead. We then talked about the condition her car was in. It seemed logical to provide her with a recently donated, good running car, due to the condition, age, and mileage on her present out of order vehicle. She was beyond words as I looked at her tear streaked face.

After our talk she truly saw how her poverty was affecting her daughter. She accepted our help with a thankful, appreciative heart, ready to pay it forward when the time is right. Thank you for your Caring and Sharing hearts allowing The Time Is Now to Help to help good fellow American's in need of our compassion and assistance.

The next time I saw the mother and child they were happily driving away in their donated car. She was determined to find a better job now that she had a reliable car and did not have to rely on a partial drive and walk to her present job. We had given her enough food to feed her daughter and herself healthy meals for several weeks. She looked healthier, had much more energy, and was lovingly taking good care of her daughter. She is a sweet, God loving woman already paying it forward to many seniors in need around her. She has a secure roof over head and her utilities are up to date. Together we are removing the pain and sorrow of poverty. Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

Please remember our Summertime Foundation \$10,000 Matching Grant. Only our Caring and Sharing hearts will see our fellow creations through these desperate hard times. For every dollar you give, another will be matched, doubling your gift of kindness. As always, every dollar will be used to help our fellow Americans who have fallen on hard times. Thank you and God Bless you.

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

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