

Dear W.C.,

3/23/09

I am a teenage girl in trouble. I am due to have a baby in a few weeks. I do not have a job, food, or a place to live. I did not choose to take this hard path in life. I used to be a good student, had a lot of friends, and dreams for my future. Those dreams did not include having a baby at my age. I was at a party with my friends and was drinking. I did not usually drink and do not believe in using drugs. For some stupid reason my friends talked me into drinking that night and I will regret it the rest of my life. I was raped by someone I knew from school that I thought was my friend. He took advantage of me when I was defenseless and then walked away as if I was nothing. Everyone encouraged me to do away with this pregnancy but I could never do that. My faith in God would never let me do that. My friends and family have all abandoned me. I no longer go to school because of the shame. Could you please help me as I take on the responsibility for a baby I did not want but love anyway?

Hopeless Young Mom

Dear Readers,

This young mother has to prepare for the role she never thought she would be taking on at this point in her life. She had dreams of going to college, becoming a teacher, getting married, and then becoming a mother. Now she has had to forget her dreams and become a mother overnight.

When I called her she was living with her Aunt. She moved out of the area to get away from the shame she felt. Her Aunt had agreed to let her live with her in exchange for housekeeping and childcare duties. This was working well for her. The girl was due any day and did not have any supplies yet. We provided her with diapers and other baby necessities. We helped relieve some of the anxiety of being unable to provide for her new baby. She tearfully thanked everyone who helps through The Time Is Now to Help.

She did not need any lectures about the foolishness of getting drunk at parties. She has to live with that decision the rest of her life. She has a warm heart and could not even think about having an abortion. She thought about adoption but knew that option would not be right for her either. She stood by the decision that was right for her even though it alienated many she loved. I hope they can find it in their heart to accept her decision and be a source of support and love. She needs that now more than ever. Thanks to your Caring and Sharing she has felt care and support from The Time Is Now to Help.

I contacted her mother and she stated she wanted nothing to do with her pregnant daughter. By the time the daughter told her parents the truth about what had happened to her, the rapist had fled the state. The mother blames the daughter for what happened to her and for letting the rapist get away with it. She knows he will repeat this terrible act on someone else.

The aunt was having a hard time financially and needed a better job. I happened to know of a business that was in need of her job skills. It is a good match and the extra money has helped her to keep within her budget. She was very thankful.

Just a reminder you have until the end of March to have your donation matched by the Drescher Family Charitable Trust. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. With so many people in America in need of assistance we need to take care of the poverty stricken in our area. Thank you again for Caring and Sharing.

*Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC*

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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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