

Dear W.C.,

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I am struggling to get by on disability. My parents passed away years ago and I have no other family to ask for help. I need to move to a more economical location. I am behind in my utilities. I do not have the money to bring the utilities up to date or I cannot open a new utility account. Thank you for considering my request.

Dear Readers,

I called the writer of this letter to set up a time to meet. She told me to come by as soon as possible. I told her I would be right over. I arrived at her apartment about thirty minutes later. She was waiting for me by the door. I introduced myself to her and she invited me in. She was living in a house divided into apartments. Her apartment was small but very neat and organized. Everything was kept in its place so she always knew where to find things. We sat down to talk and she told me about herself.

She explained she had been born with congenital cataracts and never had regained full use of her vision. She could see some light and shadows. Her parents had taught her from a young age to care for herself so she could live independently. She explained they were older when she was born and they never had any other children. They always told her they knew they wouldn't be there to care for her when she was older. She is very grateful for their love and guidance.

Her disability check does not cover her rent, utilities, and food. She lives very frugally. Her only indulgence she feels is her cell phone and that is her only means of contact with the outside world. She has two good friends, both are living with disabilities also. Together they have pooled their abilities to help each other. She said they like to boast of their abilities, not complain about their disabilities. Her friends are in the same predicament she is in due to businesses closing and job loss. She suggested moving in with one of her disabled lady friends. Moving in together was a good option for them since they could help each other financially, physically, and mentally. I agreed to meet with them the next day.

I arrived at the apartment to find the two ladies waiting for me. Even with the many challenges before them they were a positive team. They were excited about moving in together and had a very detailed budget for me to look over. They had two different rentals they were interested in so we took a ride to see both of them. One was a better choice due to no stairs and close parking for the friends' car. It was a small two bedroom apartment but the rent would be much cheaper than the two rents combined they were paying individually. We then took a look at her friends car and I saw and heard some repairs that were needed. I also noticed her friend was in need of shoes and her coat was much too small.

She told me many times people walked by her and would laugh. Little did they know, this poor woman was suffering in poverty with a handicap. It broke her heart when she heard people make fun of her.

We helped these women with abilities to restore peace of mind and remove their pains of poverty. We brought their utilities up to date and provided them with a security deposit. They helped each other pack their belongings and friends came to move their few pieces of furniture. We provided them with new beds. We gave them gift certificates for clothing and shoes. They cried and hugged each other. They were overjoyed with The Time Is Now to Help's assistance.

The last time I called I was happy to hear she had gotten a job. Her friend drove her to and from work in her repaired car. They were even more positive about their living arrangements than before. They were a great help to each other. Together, we took two broken lives filled with the fears of poverty and gave them hope and pride. Thank you for Caring and Sharing for our fellow American's in need.

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

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