

Dear W.C.,

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I am writing to ask for help for my mother. She has been a hard working woman her whole life. She is 78 years old and she struggles with arthritis and diabetes but still works 30 hours a week. She has always been the kind of woman to care for others in need. She lives on her own in the same mobile home she has lived in for the last 30 years. My father passed away 15 years ago. He always took care of all the maintenance and kept the mobile home up. Now it is a mess. The appliances don't work. The roof leaks everywhere. Her utility bills are so high because there are leaks everywhere and her furnace is so old. I wish I could help her myself but I am disabled, wheel chair bound, and have been out of work for the past year. My disability doesn't even cover my own expenses. I would love for her to live with me but I am living in a one bedroom apartment. My grown daughter is living with me since she doesn't earn enough at her job to get by on her own. Living together we can just pay our bills. I gave her the bedroom and I sleep on the couch. My mom still drives but her car is in need of some serious repairs. I have tried to talk her into moving into one of those senior apartments but she wants to stay where she lived so happily with my father. Maybe you can convince her it is time to move on.

A Concerned Son

Dear Readers,

When I contacted this son he was overjoyed to hear from us. His mother's mobile home had just had another major leak in the roof and caused her electrical system to be shut down. She was living in a mobile home with no electric or appliances. There were tarps over the roof but it was beyond repair. The mother still insisted she could live there, even under those conditions. The son said he had discussed everything with his daughter and they thought it was time for the mother/grandmother to move in with them. Between his daughter's pay, his disability, and the mother's income, they would be able to pay for a bigger apartment. I agreed to pay the mother a visit.

I followed the son's directions to her trailer. It was pretty rundown and far from town. Without a car she would not be able to get anywhere. As soon as I saw the very old mobile home with tarps on the roof I knew we had to help. When I knocked on the door the mother quickly opened it. She said she was so happy The Time Is Now to Help was going to help her son. I was a little confused until she said her son had called to let her know W.C. from The Time Is Now to Help was coming to talk to her. She thought it was to help her son. He was afraid how she would react if he told her we were coming to assist her. I guess I had to be the one to explain.

She began telling me how her son was so deserving of our assistance. He had been injured in an auto accident several years ago by an uninsured driver. He had been living in terrible pain and going through physical therapy after numerous surgeries. I told her how I thought he was a wonderful son as well because even with all the problems he was dealing with, he still worried about his mother's well being. She looked a little confused, so I told her the whole story. She looked down at her lap and I could see tears falling. She said she was so ashamed; she did not want to burden him with her problems when he had so much to deal with on his own. I reached out and took her frail hand in mine. I told her how his not being allowed to care for her was a burden for him. He wanted to help the mother he loved so dearly. After we conversed a while longer I asked, "Can you let The Time Is Now, and your son, help you?" She looked into my eyes and said, "Yes. Please. I have been so afraid." As she continued to cry I consoled her. I looked around the dilapidated surroundings, the roof falling in, the 40-50 year old broken appliances, the electric being off, and I understood her fear. This poor 78 year old widow was suffering in poverty. I was determined this fellow creation's situation was going to get better starting now.

We went on to talk about her son and granddaughters idea about all living together. She got a hopeful look on her face as I explained their plan. She would not be alone, in a dark, cold trailer any longer. She would be able to contribute some to the rent as well from her meager social security and job income. She never had enough left for proper food or to keep her car running. She showed me her car and it was in need of some repairs, that we have since had completed.

We helped this family to move into a nice ground floor apartment that the son and mother could easily navigate. They have three bedrooms. The utilities are reasonable enough for everyone to afford. The mother still drives and takes her son to his doctor's appointments. The Time Is Now to Help provided the security deposit and first month's rent to give them a much needed helping hand. We also provided the mother with a new bed since hers had been ruined when the roof leaked in her old trailer. They are all very happy living together. The son wrote a letter thanking us for bringing them together in a much happier and healthier environment. The mother added a p.s. on the letter, "Thank you for helping a stubborn woman move out of misery and into her piece of heaven."

I thank all of you for your support to *The Time Is Now to Help*. Together we make a big difference helping our fellow creations of God.

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

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Memorials: John & Karla Zils in memory of Robert & Carolyn Bergman.

Upcoming Event: SU-MOE Golf Scramble, Saturday, May 8th 2010, 12 P.M. 18-hole shotgun, at Evergreen Golf Club, Elkhorn, WI. This event will benefit the W.C. Resource Center Food Pantry. Dinner, raffles, and silent auction will follow. For more information please contact John @ 262-215-0895 or Moe @ 262-227-5161. Come enjoy a great day of golf for a great cause, feeding our poverty stricken neighbors.

Side by Side Upcoming Event: Our wonderful friends Side by Side will be hosting a Broasted Chicken benefit dinner on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Crandall's restaurant in Hebron, IL. It will be from 1:30 – 8:00 p.m. Adults \$12, Children 10 and under \$8. All you can eat, including coffee, tea, and tip! Tickets will be available at the door, or at Global Hands and M&I Bank, both in Lake Geneva.

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