

Our Fellow Creations Need Our Help

Dear Readers,

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I am writing this to you today with a heavy heart. The Time Is Now to Help is in desperate need of funds to help the many poverty stricken fellow creations that have turned to us in their desperation. Together we have eased the pains of poverty. When we found our neighbors living in darkness and cold, we provided utility assistance to bring warmth and light. For many, together we have removed the most desperate fear of homelessness by providing shelter. When we have found people living without food and the most basic needs, we have provided these as well. We research every request to be sure your donation is being used to provide relief to people with genuine needs. We review budgets and lifestyles, and guidance for a long term plan. Together, we provide the daily necessities to survive these very tough times in our beloved United States of America. The following letters are just a few of the many I have waiting for our helping hand. I have had to read some of the most heart wrenching life stories from our neighbors in need, reaching out to us for help. Please help me help them. I usually like to conclude my column with a happy ending of resolution to a life of struggle. These are just a few of the many people waiting for our assistance, that will not have a happy ending until we offer them the caring and sharing they need. Please help.

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

Dear W.C.,

I am a single mother to a teenage son. I have been living with and caring for my elderly parents for the past five years. They were both sick and needed around the clock care that I and my son gave them. They have both died in the last six months and now I am left with a financial mess to straighten out. I have not worked outside the home for five years, so it is very hard to find a job. I would make a great home health care provider but I do not have the formal education. I have applied for many jobs. I was not able to continue payments on my parent's small house and it was foreclosed on. They had no savings and were in debt when they died due to the endless medical bills and medications. Everything they owned was taken and now my son and I are about to become homeless. Please help us get back on our feet.

Dear W.C.,

I am trying to get by on disability. I was injured in a car accident many years ago, leaving me paralyzed. I would work if physically possible. I envy people that can physically work hard at a job like I used to. I don't know how they expect people in my condition to get by. I have gone without food and medications in order to pay my bills. I live very frugally but still cannot get by. Can you please help with my utilities?

Dear W.C.,

I am a widow with three young children. My husband died last year after a long battle with cancer. Before he passed away we had to sell our house at a loss just to get out of the payments. We moved into a small apartment and I applied for housing assistance. I am still waiting for that. They repossessed our car due to nonpayment of the loan. I am driving an extremely unsafe car that is in need of major repairs. I need my car for work. I have been trying to find a better job. My children often ask about the loss of their father. When we talk about him we all end up crying. We are trying to move on but need some direction and help. I do not have any family to turn to. You are my last resort.

Dear W.C.,

I am in my 80's and still very active. I drive friends to doctor visits and church. I bring food to friends that are sick. I was a volunteer for several organizations for years. I have always tried to care for others. I work part time still and people are always amazed when I tell them my age. They can't believe I still work. I tell them it is because I like to keep busy but the truth is I cannot afford to retire. I am so ashamed. I get very tired at work, but I do not dare let anyone know. I need my job to survive. It is not easy for me to ask for help, but I have been suffering in silence. I had to let my supplemental insurance lapse due to the payments being too high. Then I had a health scare and lots of tests. The bills were so high, I couldn't believe it. Then my social security was adjusted lower due to me working. Is it a crime to grow old in our country and try to get by? I am being punished for trying to earn enough money to not go hungry. My car has just broke down and I can't afford to have it repaired. I rely on this car for work and my senior friends that can no longer drive for their doctors visits. Could you help me get my car running again? It would mean everything to me and many others as well.

Dear Readers,

This doesn't even begin to represent the many seniors, children, handicapped, and families that are turning to The Time Is Now to Help in their time of need. How can we turn our backs and look the other way? I am willing to do the work to research each request for genuine need and to bring good people the assistance they need. I just cannot do it alone. I need your caring and sharing hearts to help me along the way. Please consider donating to The Time Is Now during this tough recession. Be assured 100% of your donation is going to help these people, and many others just like them. Thank you and God Bless You. Together we can make a big difference helping our fellow creations of God.

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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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Memorials: Dave Friesema, Bill Friesema, Jake & Jan Friesema of Lakeland Trash Service in memory of Gary Burdick.

Dr. Mark Brower in memory of Alice Ajamian.

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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