

Dear W.C.,

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I am a middle aged woman going through treatment for cancer. I have not been able to work for the last two months due to the chemo and radiation treatments. I am so tired and weak. I have not been able to pay my rent or utilities. I have been paying my health insurance. If I am dropped I will never be able to get insurance again. I am divorced, I have no children, and both of my parents died several years ago. I am on my own with no one else to turn to. Please call me.

A Desperate Woman

Dear Readers,

I called the writer and listened as she poured out all she had been going through for the last few months. It seemed as though she really needed someone to talk to. Her life went from running an active business to one filled with sickness and weakness. She was not prepared for the doctor's diagnosis or the subsequent treatment. She asked if I could visit.

I knocked on the door and heard a faint voice tell me, "Come in, the door is open." I walked into a very small rental above a garage. There was a steep flight of steps to get to the apartment that I knew must be terrible for someone so weak. When I walked in the dim small room I could see a very frail individual lying on a worn couch. She was gaunt and pale.

She spoke about her life before the cancer struck and her plans for the future. We then talked about her life right now and what The Time Is Now could do to help. Her first and foremost worry was paying the rent to keep her apartment. Even with the flight of stairs she wanted to remain where she was living. We paid her back rent and the next month's rent. I talked to the landlord about a possible rent reduction and we were happy to tell her the landlord gave a 50% rent reduction. She was positive she would be finished with her chemo after one more treatment and ready to go back to work. We also paid her utilities. We talked about the importance of proper nutrition and helped supply her with healthy foods. I promised to come by again after her last treatment to check on how she was doing.

When I arrived for our next visit she actually had the strength to answer the door. She was still pale but seemed to have more energy due to the extra nutrition she was receiving. She was much more positive about the future. She spoke about her faith and where she was spiritually. She said she had placed her life in God's hands. She prayed for help to get through her illness and believes The Time Is Now to Help was the answer to her prayers for financial help.

On my last visit to her apartment I actually found she had returned to work. She was getting her strength back. She was very appreciative of what The Time Is Now and all of you, our

supporters, had done to help her through the most difficult time of her life. Her prognosis for a complete recovery is good and she is now making plans for her future.

Thanks to your Caring and Sharing we have almost met our goal of \$30,000 in the Richard Driehaus Matching Grant. Please take advantage of Richard Driehaus' Matching Grant. There are many American's desperately in need of our help to ease their pain and suffering of poverty. Every dollar you donate will be matched by Richard, doubling your donation. At this time we have many desperate requests for assistance. Please, Please Help.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

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

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