

Dear W.C.,

9/21/09

I recently graduated college. I have been unable to find a job other than part time. I have student loans, rent, and utilities to pay. I am unable to move back home with my family. They are struggling financially to make ends meet with my three younger siblings still at home. They live in a very bad neighborhood in the city that I struggled so hard to get out of. On top of all this I am a single mother. It was not planned and I know the mistakes I have made. I am working hard to be a good mom. I had no idea I would have to struggle so hard being a single mother. I thought obtaining my college education would help me become successful and self-sufficient. I worked so hard to get my degree yet I feel like a failure. I always thought if I got out of the neighborhood I grew up in I would never be poverty stricken again. I had no idea poverty was everywhere.

Dear Readers,

We all have our preconceived ideas about what causes poverty in our country. Many people, just like this single mother, thought poverty was only for inner city poor neighborhoods, drug addicts, alcoholics, uneducated individuals. Now we all know poverty touches all neighborhoods, nationalities, and ages. It does not discriminate by level of education, job experience, abilities, or disabilities. There are many highly educated people graduating from college with a huge amount of debt on their shoulders. Add to that being an unemployed single mother. This woman struggled so hard to become the highly educated person she is now but the struggling economy has not made it possible for her to pay her rent or utilities, much less become successful or self-sufficient. The Time Is Now to Help is there to give people a helping hand up when life has brought you to your knees. This young mother was brought to her knees by her inability to find work. At this point she has gotten a job waitressing in the afternoons when her young son can be in day care. She has applied for childcare assistance and rental assistance. She is going to job fairs and has been working with her college to receive job assistance and career counseling.

She spoke openly about her brief misstep in college. She had always been a good student and focused on her future. She went out with some new friends in school she did not know that well and ended up becoming the victim of date rape. She found herself pregnant and alone. She chose to bring her son into the world and loves him with all her heart. She receives no support from the father of the child and has had no contact with him. She spoke about her life growing up in the inner city. She did not want that lifestyle for herself or her child. She does not visit her family that often due to the bad neighborhood. She would like to have her family move out of the city closer to her but they are trapped due to the falling home values. They are unable to help her financially in any way.

The Time Is Now to Help has assisted this young mother with rent and utilities. We also provided her with a used car. The car we provided her was donated to us and was in good shape. She will now be able to safely drive her son to day care and herself to job interviews and work. She is very hopeful for her future. She knows when the economy improves the job she trained for will be there for her. She is determined to be aggressively looking for it every spare moment she has.

A big "Thank You" to everyone that donated to The Richard H. Driehaus Matching Grant. We are happy to announce we have met our \$30,000.00 goal and will update everyone very soon on where every penny of the matching grant was spent. Thank you for your Caring and Sharing. Thank you Richard for your kindness in helping your fellow creations.

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

**Upcoming Event:** Please join me at the Richard Driehaus Estate on Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 5p.m.-8p.m. at a benefit for The Walworth County Alliance for Children. Cocktails and dinner will be served. For tickets call (262)741-7198. All proceeds will go towards protecting our children. Please help.

**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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