

Dear W.C.,

You helped my family five years ago when my daughter needed a motorized wheelchair and a wheelchair-accessible van due to her being a quadriplegic. Because *The Time Is Now to Help* so graciously provided both, my daughter has truly thrived. She is a very social person who loves being with family and friends. Before your help, she struggled with depression because she often couldn't attend family gatherings or spend time with others.

Today, she has a job she loves as a store greeter. It has given her independence and lifted her isolation. I can never thank you enough for the kindness and generosity you shared with us.

I am hesitant to ask for help again, but we are facing a serious problem. The wheelchair lift on our van has stopped working. A few days ago, when I arrived to pick my daughter up from work, the lift would not operate at all. A mechanic at her workplace tried to help but was unable to fix it. I could not get my daughter or her heavy wheelchair into the van and even if I did, I would not be able to get her out on my own at home.

There was a hotel across the street where she was able to go to get out of the cold. I had no choice but to pay for a room for the night using money that was meant for rent, while I arranged for the van to be inspected. The repair estimate is far more than we can afford. I am in tears as I write this, ashamed that I cannot find a way to handle this on my own after all you have already done for us.

Our only option right now is to keep my daughter in the hotel while the lift is repaired so she can continue working. I am trying to get a loan but I don't know how we will ever repay it. My daughter will be without many of her resources and the support she needs until the van is repaired. I have no transportation to get to my job either, so this has been challenging for all of us.

Dear Readers,

I remembered this family immediately and the overwhelming gratitude they expressed when we first helped them. I remembered their tears of joy when mobility was restored to a daughter who had lost so much. To hear how this young woman continues to thrive, working and living with dignity, because of those gifts is why we do what we do.

Yet, as life often does, a single mechanical failure has once again placed this family on the brink. For most of us, a broken vehicle is an inconvenience. For this family, it is the difference between independence and isolation, between employment and helplessness.

This is where our compassion steps in again. Together, we can repair more than a wheelchair lift, we can restore security and peace of mind to a family that has already shown incredible resilience. Thank you, as always, for allowing us to not only repair this young lady's wheelchair lift but also provide a rent payment and gift cards for food and gas to help ease their already strained budget.

Thanks to the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, every donation made at this time will be matched dollar for dollar—allowing us to truly change lives and provide poverty relief where it matters most. Thank you for being the hands and hearts that bring hope during the cold days of winter.

*Health & Happiness, Love & God Bless Everyone, Sal*

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**Prayer Chain:** The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Trae, Bill, Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn,

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