

Dear W.C.,

My neighbor at my apartment building has been struggling for some time. She is an elderly woman and has been having a hard time paying her bills. She was recently hospitalized after a fall and when she came home, she had no one to help her. I know she has a son, but I have only seen him stop by to visit once in the five years I have lived here. Me and two of my neighbors have taken it upon us to help this woman while she is recovering at home. As we live in low-income housing, none of us have any extra funds to help with some of the things we are finding she needs. She obviously has been struggling financially for some time. Her clothing is in poor condition. Her bed is sagging so bad I find her trying to sleep on her old couch. She has been complaining about pain in her teeth but cannot afford to go to the dentist. We all are worried about this woman and wish we could do more for her. Would she be eligible to receive some help from The Time is Now to Help?

Dear Readers,

I contacted the concerned neighbor, and we had a long conversation about what she had observed while helping the elderly woman.

The woman tried to control her tears as she shared the details of this forgotten elderly woman. She shared with me the shame the elderly woman had felt at first due to her appearance and her living conditions, and how she had been hesitant to let her neighbors in to help. Now that she had some neighbors that were willing to help her while she recovered, and all promised to remain companions with the woman going forward, we would put together a plan to help where she needed it most.

I learned how her son had taken advantage of her financially in the past and now that she had nothing left to give, he did not even visit or check on her. She also had lost her husband ten years ago after he had gone through a very long illness. I knew this elderly woman was lucky to have found such caring neighbors to watch over her.

We would help this elderly woman with her overdue utility bill. We also would provide a new bed, bedding, and gift cards for clothing as her neighbor had promised to take her shopping once she was fully recovered. The neighbor had also taken her to her own dentist once she saw the pain the woman had been enduring. She shared with me the estimate for the dental work needed. I approved the estimate and called the dental office to arrange payment so she could get some pain relief as soon as possible.

The neighbor was now crying tears of relief for what we would provide this deserving elderly woman. The neighbor never asked for help for herself, but I offered her some gift cards for food when she mentioned the group of helpers wanted to cook for the elderly woman.

Thanks to this caring neighbor bringing this elderly woman to our attention, she is no longer forgotten, in pain and living on the verge of poverty. We have significantly improved her life

by providing much needed dental care, much needed rest on a new bed, and removed her stress and worry over unpaid bills. She is no longer ashamed of the condition of her clothing or the state of her appearance as she now has appropriate clothing and companions that help when needed.

Thanks to our network of referrals, donors, grant providers, supporters, volunteers, all of us together made the assistance to this elderly woman and all our poverty relief possible.

Thank you and God Bless you.

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