

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to see if you can help my mother. She is going through a very difficult time right now. I am a single mother living out of state with my disabled son, and it is almost impossible for me to travel to check on her. She lives eight hours away, and my son cannot tolerate that kind of trip.

Recently, my mother's neighbor contacted me out of concern after noticing the declining condition of her mobile home and learning that her car was no longer running. My hope has been to have my mother move in with me, but neither of us can afford the expense of relocating her.

Could you please contact her and see if she may be willing to share with you what is going on? I worry about her every day, but whenever I ask how she is doing, she simply tells me she is fine.

Dear Readers,

After a long phone conversation with the daughter, I contacted the mother to learn more about her situation. Once she felt comfortable enough to open up, I learned just how much she had been struggling to live in her rundown mobile home.

Over the past six months, several unexpected expenses had severely impacted her limited budget. Each month she fell further behind while her aging mobile home continued to deteriorate around her. Her furnace failed repeatedly throughout the winter, leading to burst pipes. She no longer had a working air conditioner, her roof leaked, and when both her washing machine and dryer broke, she was forced to add costly trips to the laundromat to her already strained monthly expenses.

Food became the first thing she sacrificed, resulting in the alarming weight loss her concerned neighbor had noticed and reported to the daughter. One hardship after another quickly pushed this woman into poverty.

The mother admitted she had hidden these struggles from her daughter because she did not want to add more stress to her already demanding life caring full-time for her disabled son. When I shared how deeply worried her daughter was, the woman broke down in tears, explaining that she never wanted to become a burden.

We talked about ways to ease that worry and revisited the daughter's heartfelt desire to have her mother move in with her. For over a year, the mother had declined the offer as she felt like a burden. But after reviewing her budget together and considering the

overwhelming repairs required to make the rundown mobile home livable again, it became clear to both of us that relocating was the best solution.

The mother assured me she would be capable of making the trip to her daughter's home if her vehicle could be repaired well enough to travel safely. We stepped in to provide those repairs, along with gas gift cards, grocery assistance, and help purchasing a new bed for her once she arrived.

With her expenses reduced and a more manageable budget in place, both mother and daughter would benefit from living together and sharing household costs. Just as importantly, the daughter would finally have some much-needed support and occasional respite while caring for her son.

I checked in with the mother and daughter after her move. She had made the trip safely thanks in part to the repairs completed on her car. Both women were overjoyed to be reunited and have the strain on their budgets eased by their shared living arrangement. The mother was especially grateful to be living with her daughter and grandson while living in a clean apartment with working appliances and heat.

Thanks to the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant and your compassion we continue to make a meaningful difference for our neighbors facing unexpected hardship. At a time when financial strain feel overwhelming, your kindness and generosity bring comfort, stability, and renewed hope.

Please help to continue our mission of poverty relief by donating to the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant. We are so blessed to have the amazing support of our matching grant providers and all of "You" who make our charity work possible!

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

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