

Dear W.C.,

I am currently homeless and staying in a shelter with my 13-year-old daughter. We've been here for nearly two months, and it's time for us to move on. I started a new job two weeks ago after several months of searching, but I haven't been able to save enough yet for a security deposit and first month's rent.

This past year has been incredibly difficult. I suffered a serious foot injury that required 15 stitches and later became infected. I needed another procedure and had to remain off my feet for three months. During that time, my employer had to replace me as they were short-staffed. We were eventually evicted, and while I was in the hospital, our belongings were put out on the curb, so we lost nearly everything.

This has been especially hard on my daughter. I've found an apartment that will be available just in time to meet the shelter's deadline, and I'm saving every penny I can. I'm determined not to let my daughter experience sleeping in a car again but there is no way I will have enough saved for the required security deposit. I know of several people who have been helped by your wonderful charity and their lives have been changed by it. I am hopeful we will be able to speak soon.

Dear Readers,

I was grateful this woman reached out to us for assistance during this trying time. She and her daughter had faced the difficult challenges of the loss of secure housing after suffering a serious injury and prolonged recovery, but persevered due to strength and determination.

After verifying the information she provided, I contacted the woman to speak further. Due to her work schedule, we planned a time to speak. She had put together a budget for us to review together and provided me with contact information for her employer. I had already spoken to the shelter social worker about her situation, and she shared her relief when she learned we would be helping this single mother and daughter.

The woman told me some additional details that were not included in her letter requesting our assistance. Her infection had been extreme, and she was lucky to not have lost her foot. They had lost all their household belongings as the mother had not been able to move them out while she was in the hospital. They eventually ended up in a homeless shelter after spending some time sleeping in their car. The mother began to cry then as she recalled her daughter's humiliation and fear every day they lived in their car.

We together would prevent that fear and humiliation from happening again. While the shelter had done a wonderful job providing them with safe shelter, it was time for their own apartment. We would provide them with a security deposit and the first two months' rent to give them a safe start. New beds would be delivered to replace the two that had been lost. Gift cards would be provided to allow them to purchase sheets, towels, kitchen wares, and

other household necessities. We also would provide additional help with grocery and gas gift cards.

The mother's tears continued as we went over the assistance that was required to give them a fresh start. I made sure she knew we together would be walking beside her as she made a new life for her daughter and herself.

Please continue to pray for those suffering through poverty, hunger, illness, and uncertainty. At this time, the Family Legacy \$25,000 Matching Grant will help bring light to many in our community who are suffering in the darkness of poverty. Thanks to the Family Legacy matching grant donors, every dollar donated will be matched, doubling your donations, and the poverty relief we are able to provide.

Thank you and God Bless you for making this and all our poverty relief efforts possible.

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

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