

Dear W.C.,

For ten years I was blessed with a good and loving marriage. Like any couple, we had our ups and downs, but we always found a way to work through them. That changed when my husband began going out with friends from work who drank heavily, and I believe also used drugs. My husband changed drastically. He became abusive towards me and our three children. It broke my heart watching our life fall apart. I eventually filed for divorce, knowing this would be very difficult for our family, especially since my husband had been the main provider. During our divorce proceedings he got into further trouble and is now serving some time in jail. He has not paid child support in months. I recently took on a second job in an effort to support my children, but it is difficult. I am behind in our rent and utilities. My greatest fear right now is losing our apartment and having nowhere to go. A co-worker told me about The Time is Now to Help and how you helped one of their family members when they were going through a similar situation. I am praying you will also be able to help us before we become homeless.

Dear Readers,

When I spoke with this mother, she shared that she never believed her life would take such a turn. The man she once loved and trusted became abusive and eventually landed in jail, his life consumed by alcohol and drugs. Everything she thought her life would be had changed and she had been forced to take on full financial responsibility for her children.

We spoke about her jobs and life with her children. She was a very levelheaded and hard-working woman. Her biggest goal seemed to be to raise her children to be good and responsible people, in hopes they never fell into the trap of addiction.

Together we reviewed her budget and identified several areas where our assistance would make a lasting impact. Her car payment was a strain on her budget but essential for the mother's transportation to her two jobs. We would pay off the remaining balance to ease the stress of that monthly payment. We also would pay her overdue utilities and provide extra funds toward future utility costs. With the addition of three months' rent and gift cards for food, clothing and toiletries, the mother would have stability and peace of mind that she could support her children on her own.

The mother cried tears of relief as we discussed how we would help lift her burdens. She admitted it was the first time in a long time she had not felt alone in her fight against poverty. The fear of homelessness and food insecurity was lifted from her shoulders, allowing her to once more feel joy and relief.

Right now, you have the unique opportunity to make your generosity go twice as far. Through the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant, every dollar you give will be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of your gift. With your donation doubled we are able to provide twice the food, twice the shelter, and twice the hope for those who are suffering in poverty. This is a wonderful opportunity to make your kindness stretch even further in our mission to help senior citizens, veterans, single mothers, children and struggling families find relief during their most difficult times.

Thank you and God bless you for the incredible difference you have made and continue to make in the lives of those turning to The Time is Now to Help during their time of need.

Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, Sal

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