

Dear W.C.,

I am writing on behalf of one of my tenants, a family with one teenage daughter who is handicapped and requires much care from her parents. They have been unable to pay their rent for several months after the father was injured in a car accident. The mother stays home full-time to care for their child's many medical needs, which leaves them without any income while the father is rehabilitating. They have no family nearby to help and are very worried about being evicted and becoming homeless.

They have begged me not to evict them, and I wish I could carry them indefinitely, but I too rely on their rent to pay my own mortgage. I've done what I can to help, but I can no longer live without my rental income. I am turning to you in hopes you can help keep this good family safe and together in my rental that they call home.

Concerned Landlord

Dear Readers,

This landlord's compassion had already carried this family further than most would have, but she reached out when her own finances could not stretch any further. When I visited, it was clear how desperate their situation had become. Their rent was two months overdue, and their remaining car that was not involved in the father's accident was unreliable. The mother was overwhelmed by both financial stress and the care of her husband and daughter.

We spoke for some time about their situation. The father admitted he had fallen asleep at the wheel after working overtime and being up the previous night helping with his daughters' medical needs. He suffered several injuries and had required surgery and two months recovery time. They had not carried full insurance coverage on the father's car since it was older, so it was a loss. They had used all their small savings to purchase food and to pay their utility bill.

Thanks to your Caring and Sharing, we were able to step in. We paid their two months of overdue rent and an additional month to help both the family and the landlord get back on track, we paid their current utility bill, provided grocery and gas gift cards, and arranged for car repairs so the father would have reliable transportation when he returned to work. The relief on their faces was immediate. The mother wiped away her tears of despair and shared the first smile I had seen on her face. Even the father commented that it had been a long time since he had seen that smile.

When I was preparing to leave the father shared that his doctor had informed him he would be able to return to work the following week. We discussed his job and also the overwork

that led to his car accident. We all discussed solutions to prevent that from happening again in the future.

Today, the father is back at work, this family is keeping up with their rent and bills, and they are all safely sheltered in the rental house they call home. The landlord, who had worried so much about their wellbeing, has become even closer with this family. The family is filled with gratitude for the assistance they received, and the compassion shown by their landlord.

This is the difference your generosity makes—transforming fear and despair into stability and hope. Together, we are not only preventing homelessness and hunger but giving families the tools and support they need to rebuild their lives. Together, we bring hope, relief, and compassion, helping our fellow creations rise above the pains of poverty.

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. This is a wonderful opportunity to make your kindness stretch even further in our mission to help our fellow creations 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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