

Dear W.C.,

I was living out of state with my two children and my now ex-husband until six months ago, when things took a turn for the worst. My husband's abuse escalated as his drinking grew heavier. After one particularly terrifying night, I knew we had to escape before his rage turned toward the children—or before he killed me.

We left while he was passed out drunk, taking only what we could quickly pack. I drove for two days straight, using the little cash I had, just to get us far away. I could only afford one night in a motel before the money ran out. Desperate, I reached out to an old friend from my hometown who graciously let us stay in their basement for a few weeks.

Unfortunately, their landlord discovered the extra people living there and now my friend faces eviction if we don't leave immediately. I never meant to put someone else's housing at risk. I only hoped to save enough for rent and a security deposit while working at my new job. My priority has always been keeping my children safe and finding us a stable, secure home. I'm a hard worker and I just need some direction and some help to start. Please help us.

Dear Readers,

This hard-working mother was pleading for a helping hand up, and I knew we could provide the support she needed. Thanks to everyone's generosity, she would once again have the chance to feel safe and secure.

Before meeting with her, I needed to make contact since she hadn't provided an address for safety reasons. She returned my call after I left a voicemail identifying the number I would be calling from. When we finally spoke, she shared more about the abuse she had endured and the careful steps she was taking to remain hidden from her ex-husband.

As we went over her personal and financial situation, it became clear what a devoted and protective mother she is, and how urgently she needed a helping hand to get her family into safe, warm shelter. They had very little food and were in need of winter clothing and shoes for the children, as well as toiletries and other household essentials. They would also need beds and bedding once they moved into an apartment, since they had been forced to leave everything behind in their desperate escape. Together, we would make sure these necessities were provided.

The next day, the mother called to share hopeful news—she had found an apartment in a secure building. She also told me she had been offered a second job that she could begin once they were moved in. This additional income would allow her to create a stable budget and start building a new life for her children.

Thanks to your kindness and continued support, we have provided this mother and her children with the fresh, safe start they so desperately needed. Because of you, they now have security, warmth, and renewed hope for the future.

Thanks to the Fall Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant, every donation you give right now will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of your generosity. That means twice as many people will receive food, shelter, transportation, and emergency assistance during their time of need.

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

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

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