

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to ask for help for a very kind man who referred me to your charity three years ago. I was at the lowest point in my life after learning I had cancer and would need surgery and chemotherapy. I was so sick I was unable to work, grocery shop, or even drive myself to medical appointments.

This kind man I hardly knew took it upon himself to drop off food and even drove me to some of my appointments, without being asked. When he found out I couldn't pay my bills while undergoing treatment, he contacted you and asked for help on my behalf. I am forever grateful to both you and this compassionate man for getting me through such a terrible time. You ensured I didn't go hungry or lose my apartment, giving me the chance to recover without becoming homeless. For that, I am eternally thankful.

Now I have learned this kind man is going through a hardship of his own. He was in an accident, and his car was totaled. He has endured some injuries and has been unable to work while he recovers. I have learned there are at least a dozen people that I know of that have been helped by this man when we were down on our luck, and we all want to return the favor. I don't know his financial situation but I do know he desperately needs a car so he can return to work and his mission of helping the many people that have come to rely on him. Would you please reach out to him and see if he could use a helping hand up?

Dear Readers,

Over the past eight years, I had spoken with this kind man many times about the people he referred to our charity. I knew well the help he had shared with so many—driving senior citizens, the handicapped, and others struggling with poverty to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping, or work when they had no transportation of their own. Through all those conversations, he never once asked for help for himself. I knew this time would not be different, he would not ask for help, but we would offer the helping hand up he needed.

I called the familiar number, I was surprised by the voice that answered. His tone was subdued, missing the usual energy and zest for life I had always known in the past. The sadness and loss of hope he felt was obvious.

We spoke for a long time as I worked to help restore that hope. He felt lost being unable to help the many people that seemed to be relying on him.

The man felt guilty accepting assistance from us, but when I shared that our assistance was necessary for him to continue his mission of serving others, he finally agreed to accept our helping hand up. Together, we reviewed his budget, and his immediate needs were clear: help with rent, overdue utilities, and food. Neighbors had tried to bring him meals, but he

knew each of them would be skipping one of their own meals to do so. His greatest need, though, was a car so he could return to work as soon as possible. With his injuries nearly healed, he was ready.

He was stunned when we told him we would provide two months' rent, pay his past-due utility bills, and offer gift cards for food and essential supplies. He was even more shocked when we shared that a reliable used car would be available for him the very next day. The kind man broke down in tears of relief and gratitude as the kindness he had shown others for so many years was returned to him. This relief and gratitude was all thanks to you.

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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Prayer Chain: The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Trae, Bill, Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Betty, Ellie, Concetta, Cheryl, Kirubel M., Wanda L., Joan, Bruce, and Andy.

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