

Dear W.C.,

I don't know how my life has come to this. I am currently homeless, living in my car since my boyfriend of seven years left unexpectedly and I could no longer afford the rent on my own. I am also pregnant, which makes everything even more difficult. I work full-time, but I had to take several weeks of unpaid leave due to complications with my pregnancy. I am back at work now, but I fell so far behind that I could not catch up. I was recently evicted.

My car payment is also late, and I am now facing the threat of repossession. I don't know where else to turn. Someone at my church suggested I reach out to The Time Is Now to Help. They gave me a sense of hope at a time when I have been feeling so hopeless.

Dear Readers,

We received this touching letter from a young woman who was experiencing homelessness for the first time in her life, while pregnant, and struggling despite working full-time. She shared that after her long-term boyfriend left she could no longer afford the expensive rent on her own. Pregnancy complications forced her to take several weeks of unpaid leave after a brief hospitalization, causing her to fall behind on her bills. With nowhere else to go, she began living in her car. When her car payment also fell past due, she faced the devastating possibility of losing the only shelter she had left.

Thanks to a caring member of her church, she reached out to us in desperation—searching for hope at a moment when she felt she had none.

Thanks to your compassionate support, we immediately stepped in to provide emergency shelter and assistance. We ensured her car would not be repossessed by bringing her overdue payments up to date and paying one more for the future. We also supplied food and necessities, and arranged safe temporary shelter so she would no longer have to sleep in her vehicle while pregnant. We were able to put together a sustainable plan that included a security deposit and first months' rent for an apartment she could afford.

During our conversation, she admitted she had been hiding her situation from her mother out of shame. When I learned that they had always shared a close relationship, and that her mother had long expressed a desire to move closer, I encouraged her to reach out. I knew what needed to be done.

Within a week, a week filled with the mother and daughter sharing emotional and honest conversations, together they arranged for her mother to move in with her. This will help with both women's expenses and allow the young woman to return to work after the birth of her child. Her mother's deep love and commitment led her to pack up her life and move so she could be by her daughter's side during this difficult time.

Thanks to our assistance, and the unwavering support of her mother, this expectant mother now has safe shelter, renewed stability, and the ability to prepare for her baby's arrival with hope for their future.

Your generosity brings hope to those who feel forgotten. Every act of kindness you share allows us to reach people in crisis, people like this expectant mother who simply needed a helping hand to regain her footing after an unexpected abandonment and hospitalization left her alone and destitute.

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*

**Please Help:** There are many coming to us in desperation. Our good fellow creations need our compassion. Together we make a big difference. Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 1, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. The Time Is Now to Help is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing how 100% of your donation was used for providing poverty relief.

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