

Dear WC,

I have a neighbor who has a handicap. She is elderly and I do not know how she gets by. I feel concerned for her well-being. I want to go knock on her door to see how she is doing. I want to see if she needs any help, but I cannot get up the courage to go to her house. Even though I have tried to go there several times, I have never made it to the door and knocked. I wondered if you could see how she is doing.

Dear Concerned Neighbor,

I sensed your concern in this matter and visited your neighbor. Thank you for informing me of another neighbor, in our midst, in desperate need of our assistance.

God Bless, WC

Dear Readers,

When I went to visit this handicapped senior, I knocked on the door and waited. I waited a little longer, and then knocked on the door a little harder. I waited again before knocking a third time, again slightly louder. I continued to wait. After knocking the fourth time, the door was finally answered. As the door opened, I saw a silver haired lady, using a quad cane for support. She had a support brace on her leg. She had a curious look on her face, along with a warm smile. I was pleasantly surprised to see her smile. I said, "Hello, my name is..." She finished my sentence for me, stating, "WC."

I asked her if we had met before. She said, "No, but I read your column. I would know your face anywhere." She smiled bigger. I said, "I would recognize that smile of yours anywhere." We both laughed. I asked her if everything was all right. She replied, "Sort of." Then she said, "You probably wonder why it took me so long to answer the door." I said, "I can see you walk with a cane." She said, "No, it's not that. I figured, if it was someone selling something I could not afford or did not need, that after they knocked a couple times, they would have left to try and sell their wares to the next house." Then she said, "Since your knock was so persistent, I figured I better get up and see what it was all about. I sure am glad I did."

She said, "It sure is a beautiful day, today, isn't it?" I looked up at the sky, and noticed it was clouded over. I said, "Yes, it is lovely. When two people can meet, it is all for the better. They alone make the light." She smiled at me, opened her eyes wide and said, "Yes, of course, it is a very lovely day." She invited me inside.

She asked me what brought me to her house. I told her there was an angelic neighbor nearby, concerned for her, and how she had tried several times to come over, but could not find the nerve to knock on the door. In retrospect she probably would not have gotten to see you anyway. She probably would not have been as persistent in her

knock, and she would have left after the first attempt. You would have thought it was a salesperson and not answered the door. She said, "Oh my gosh, you are right."

I could tell she was a very amiable and intelligent person. As we continued, I learned she was having a difficult time keeping up with her utilities. She also needed a few repairs around the house. We brought her utilities up to date and made a commitment to make the repairs. As we talked further, she told me how she would wake up every morning and count her blessings. I told her I was very happy to meet such a strong person. She said, "We are only as strong as our minds. If we think everything will be okay, it will be. If we feel we are lonely, we will be lonely. If we have a gratitude about life, life will be thankful." I agreed with her. I told her I was living a thankful life, being a servant with God's will. She replied, "Yes, you are."

As we continued to talk, I found out she did not think that much of money. She said, "What more can it bring you, if you have more than you could possibly use?" She said it was like filling one's entire house and garage with food that one could not possibly eat at that time. Having a sufficient amount of money to fend for yourself, to be cheerful for your life, to appreciate your health is all that is needed.

I asked her if she had anyone who stops by, like friends or relatives, to visit. She said no one had stopped to see her in the past 10 years. She said everyone lived too far away. I could tell the subject was very hurtful for her to talk about.

The next time I visited, I brought her neighbor along. I told her we had helped her in many ways, but what she needed most was a friend. As they made their introductions, I could see a sense of relief come over this wonderful, senior lady. She came over to me, gave me a big hug, and began to cry. Together, the neighbor and I comforted her. Right away, she knew she was gaining a new neighborly friend. It has been several months now, and they have become good friends. The neighbor wrote a letter thanking The Time Is Now for the introduction. She also wrote how they get together and how it fulfills them both.

I want to thank everyone for making The Time Is Now possible. Thank you for supporting, networking, Caring and Sharing. I feel the Lord puts angels before us. This senior lady is an angel for all of us to think about - her wisdom of life, the true essence of life, and where happiness is found.

Health and Happiness, God Bless, WC

Dear Readers,

I would like everyone to know we had 5 vehicles for the food pantry deliveries - one from a husband and wife, one from a mother/wife, one from a business woman, one from the boy scout leader, Frank Guske, and one from a very hard working volunteer for the Time Is Now. We had six pantries that needed food delivered. Our gracious businesswoman not only made a second delivery to Faith Baptist Food Pantry

in Delavan, she also delivered a donated freezer to this pantry. I would like to thank the volunteers that loaded the trucks, including Mark Stinebrink, Jon Swanson, Lorna O'Rourke, Jackie Hennerly, Sara & Craig Walkstead. Thank you for aiding the food pantries by delivering food for those in need. As a reminder, the next delivery day will be Saturday, May 26, 2007.

I would also like to thank Matt Hogan, owner of Hogan's Goat, Larry Moody, and everyone who participated in the rummage sale/flea market in Delavan. Together, much fun was had, and the profits were donated to The Time Is Now. God Bless all of you.

Finally, I would like to share with everyone that a very gracious husband and wife, along with their father, donated two vehicles to the Time Is Now. The wonderful volunteers at the Ministry of Mechanics are evaluating both vehicles, both of which are in great condition. One of the recipients of these vehicles will be a single mother of one, who walks 2.5 miles to work, one way, six days a week. That is a lot of walking, especially for someone who currently has an ailment in one of her legs.

I want to thank this father, son, and daughter-in-law for thinking of the less fortunate. I feel very honored to be instrumental in putting the right people together to help throughout our local communities.

Events: On Tuesday, May 15, there will be a fundraiser at the Cactus Club restaurant in Lake Geneva, to raise money for Side By Side. Please participate in helping to raise much-needed funds for another wonderful organization in our community.

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Please Help by Caring and Sharing. Send your donation to: *The Time Is Now to Help*, PO Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. Every penny of your donation will go to the needy for daily necessities of life including: food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, shelter

assistance, and household necessities.

Please make checks payable to: *The Time Is Now to Help.* *The Time Is Now to Help* is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization licensed in the states of Wisconsin and Illinois. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing exactly what every penny of your donation provided for the poverty stricken.

Endowments/Helping Others through Your Will: For those of you who wish to leave an endowment for the poverty stricken, we would greatly accept any gifts. Please think of those in desperate need, good people, living in fear of poverty and consider helping them through your will.

Desperately Needed Cars: If anyone has a car they can donate, knowing you will be helping people get back on their feet, out of their desperate need for transportation to work, etc., please call 262-249-7000. We have many in desperate need of reliable transportation, so they can regain their independence, retain their jobs, provide food and necessities for their families, and ease their pain and suffering. Thank You and God Bless You.

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