

From: Poverty, Alone & Fear To: Hope, Care & Compassion

Dear WC,

I am an elderly woman who lives independently and I am looking for possible assistance. This past winter I fell behind in my utilities and I have been trying to catch up ever since. I have been pleading with the utility companies to not turn off the gas and electricity. At this point in time, I am afraid that I am going to find myself living without heat and walking around in the dark. I do not know what to do. Since I don't have any food in my freezer I have turned off the freezer compartment, in order to reduce my electric bill. I use minimal lights and I do not have air conditioning. It would be nice to get to meet you and maybe you will have some ideas on how I can make ends meet.

Sincerely,

An Elderly Neighbor

Dear Readers,

I met a very pleasant lady in her 80's that is still strong and living independently. She has no children or relatives to turn to for help. It is sad how many of the elderly are neglected by their families that can't be bothered to help care for them. It could be as simple as taking out the trash or picking up a necessary item or prescription from the store for them. These few small things can mean so much to a senior that no longer drives or has the mobility they used to. I applaud those who keep close to their elderly family members. It is our duty to honor, protect and care for them.

For those who possess a loving belief in our Lord, and carry within themselves love, compassion and concern for others less fortunate, this leads us to do what is right and to care for one another, especially the elderly. Even for those who may not have a religious belief, they still have a moral obligation to demonstrate love and respect for an elderly family member. They should be there to care for them.

How sad it is that there is a percentage of our population who are elderly, alone and do not have anyone to take care of them. It is sad and shameful if someone such as a family member is better off and could help, but doesn't. Thank God for the networking of The Time Is Now, to all of you who have been so wonderful, Caring & Sharing. Your help enabled us to reach out to this elderly lady, bring her utilities up to date, pay them slightly ahead, purchase some additional household necessities and provide her with some much needed furnishings. Most of all, we were able to reach out, embrace her with love, and show that we are there to provide hope and care.

When I arrived at our second meeting, I could see that this woman had been crying.

When I asked her why her eyes were red and puffy, as I have heard many other times, she answered, "I am so happy that I have been given such kindness, care and compassion from people I never knew, from so many whom I have not met that made donations to help me. I cannot say how comforting it is not to have that hopeless, helpless feeling of being alone any more. I always wondered what it was like for other elderly people who are being loved and cared for and here I was alone with the fear and realization of not having anyone. Now I have so many people from The Time Is Now who think of and care about me."

I had to ask, "Then why the tears – why the sadness?" She said, "These tears are from memories of my old pain and from the happiness I feel over the relief given to me by The Time Is Now."

Together we have networked with others to help this wonderful lady and once again I thank all of you for your Caring & Sharing that brought happiness and peace of mind for this woman.

Please continue to Care & Share.
Health and Happiness, God Bless One and All,

WC

Please Help: Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. 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.

Thank You: As I continue to feel the pain of missing my Mother, cards, thoughts and prayers keep letting me know I am not left alone. I thank all of you for your support and compassion shared. Thank you Lord for all your caring creations, God Bless each and every one of them.

A Special Thank You to: Jay Ieronimo, Shirley Smith & friends, Sharon Shukas, Flitcroft Septic Systems, Richard & Jean Honeyager, Shawn & Donna McLafferty, Margarie Egger, Lois Griffin, James & Janice Batten, ALL of you who support The Time Is Now to Help donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now to Help donation box in your business, please call 262-249-7000.

Golf Outing: Monday, October 8, 2007, Golden States Foods will be hosting a golf outing to raise money for The Time Is Now at the Palmer Course at Geneva National. Corporate Hole Sponsors are needed. Hole prizes are available. Registration begins at noon. Contact Tom Ormsby at 262-472-7460 for more information.

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desk.

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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.

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