

Dear W.C.,

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I am homeless and I have two children. The only thing I do have is a friend. If you could please contact me at my friend's, I can only stay here for a short period of time. They have occupancy rules regarding the number of people who can stay in the apartment. If I am not out by the grace period my good friend will get evicted from her apartment.

Please Help,
A Desperate Mom

Dear Readers,

Quite often every month I come across situations like this. A single mother gets evicted because she cannot afford rent, utilities, food, transportation and the mother and children end up becoming homeless. In this particular situation the woman lost her job due to downsizing at work. I contacted the employer and he said he was not aware they became homeless due to her layoff but there was nothing he could do. He was shutting down his business and had no alternative but to let the employees go.

When I talked to the friend who so graciously allowed this homeless mother and children to live with her she gave me the contact information for the landlord. The landlord did confirm with me that if they began to allow numerous people, beyond the occupancy rate, to stay in the apartments they would be breaking the law and the apartment complex would become overpopulated. We see this quite often in these desperate economic times. In our great United States of America I find this situation becoming more and more commonplace as I see more and more people facing homelessness.

I was even more concerned when I first met these children, as one was only nine months old. The baby was sitting in her car seat staring at me with big beautiful eyes. I did get a smile out of the baby who, of course, had no understanding that her brother and mother were homeless with no place to go. The mother had a car, but it needed to be fixed. Thanks to a very knowledgeable local mechanic the car was repaired for the price of the parts and a minimal amount for labor. I talked to this woman about some of our government agencies and she told me she has been on the housing list since

March and it would be many more months yet. We had a conversation to see if there was anyone she could live with. We found out she could live with her mother, once again only for a very short period of time because her mother was in a small apartment that only allowed a minimal stay. She had already been at her aunt's too long, and her aunt had received a notice that she had to leave.

We supplied gift certificates for food and supplied diapers, wipes and many other necessities that will hold her over for a month. We also gave her some gas cards since her gas tank was empty.

One time I received a letter from a wonderful, caring landlord offering a place to live to anyone I thought was in desperate need. I called this landlord and he had an empty apartment. Financially he was doing well and wanted to give back in some way to the community. His way to give back was by providing shelter. This worked well in this situation and a prayer was answered. The prayer was accompanied by tears as the mother broke down saying, "I've been praying for many months for shelter for my children".

Thanks to the kindness of the landlord, the family moved in. We helped supply a new bed and crib, kitchen table, chairs and other necessities to make the apartment feel like home.

We networked some of our gracious volunteers to help this mother become self sufficient again. Once again, together we have helped put a broken family back into shelter and provided them with food and the necessary networking to rebuild their lives.

I received a letter from the mother thanking us for all the help. I noticed when I was reading that some of the ink was smeared. The mother apologized as she was crying while she was writing the letter. In her own words she said, "I am so sorry to have burdened other people, but I thank everyone from my children and myself for giving us a place to call home, food to feed my children, and an opportunity to have a job. Please thank everyone for helping us and for their kindness."

I want to thank everyone for making The Time is Now to Help possible, and for Caring and Sharing for our fellow Americans who have fallen on hard times.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

Upcoming Event: The Golden State Foods Foundation will be hosting a golf outing to benefit both The Time Is Now to Help and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The event will be held at Evergreen Golf Club in Elkhorn on September 9, 2008. Call Tom Ormsby at (262)472-7460 for more information.

Richard Driehaus \$30,000 Matching Grant: We are over half way to our \$30,000 goal. Please use this opportunity to double every dollar you give. Richard Driehaus has again generously offered The Time Is Now to Help a \$30,000.00 Matching Grant. For every dollar you give Richard will match it with another. God Bless you for Caring and Sharing for those in need.

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.

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Desperately Needed Cars: Once again we have a desperate need for used cars. If anyone has a car they are thinking of trading in or an extra car you are not using, please think of those who are in desperate need of transportation to get them to and from work so they can provide the daily necessities for their families. Without reliable transportation it makes their situation even more desperate. Please Care & Share.

Pick 'N Save "We Care" Program: Please sign up for the "We Care" program at your local Pick 'N Save. A percentage of each purchase will go directly to The Time is Now to Help. All you have to do is designate The Time is Now, account number **832410**, on your Advantage Plus Savers Club Card application.

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Just make www.goodsearch.com your homepage, pick The Time Is Now as your charity and the rest is simple. You can even shop some of your favorite online retailers. It is a fun and easy way to help 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.

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