

Dear WC,

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I work with a senior citizen that could use your help. She is a widow and due to the recent state of our economy she has had to go back to work. She also cares for her grandchildren when her daughter works nights. I know she is having a really hard time making ends meet. She helps her daughter that is a single mother, as much as she can. She can't be earning much at her job, since we are only making minimum wage. I know she has mentioned a few times that it is cold at home because she couldn't pay her high utility bills. She always packs a small lunch for herself and seems to live very frugally. I have tried to ask her how she is doing a few times but she always says, "Fine." She works very hard for her age and I am worried about her.

Could you please check on her?

Thank You,
A Concerned Co-Worker

Dear Concerned Co-Worker,

Thank you for writing. I investigated the situation and you had every right to be concerned. I met with her, her daughter, and two lovely grandchildren. They were all living in the senior woman's trailer home together since her daughters divorce from her abusive husband. The woman talked openly about how hard it was to go back to work at her age, then go home tired to watch two young grandchildren all evening, all while worrying about paying her utility bills, putting food on the table and not losing the roof over their head. Her fears brought tears to her eyes, and mine.

It is sad to see our senior citizens that already have worked so hard in their lives, having to go back to work, if they are even lucky enough to find a job. Together, through our Caring and Sharing we brought her utilities up to date and into the future. We provided them with some much needed food and directed them to a local food pantry in their area. We also paid her overdue lot rent for her trailer. We provided this woman some much needed relief from the daily stress she was living in. She cried happy tears of relief and thankfulness. She thanked her fellow employee for bringing her situation to our attention. She said her prayers had come true. Then she hugged me and cried on my shoulder.

As she hugged me and cried and thanked everyone, I cried with her with happiness thinking of all of you that have been Caring and Sharing and reaching out. I thank everyone for making the lives of those we reach out to happier ones.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

J.D. Development \$25,000 Matching Grant Thanks to all of your generosity we have met the J.D. Development \$25,000 Matching Grant. In the near future we will update you on where every penny was spent. Thanks again for all of your Caring & Sharing.

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