

Lost and Waiting for Help

Dear WC,

12/29/08

I am no longer able to write due to a severe stroke. My elderly mother is writing this request for help for me. I am a middle aged woman that had a severe stroke and went into a coma. When I came out of it, my speech was impaired, I was left unable to walk, and my mind now struggles to communicate. I have applied for disability, but I have been told it will take months. In the meantime, financially, I struggle. My case worker from Health and Human Services suggested that I contact you, in hopes I may get some help. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for any Consideration,

A Struggling Woman

Dear Readers,

Times are very hard for many and for those who have physical limitations, it is even much harder. When I initially talked to this woman, it was very difficult to understand her. The stroke has affected her overall well being, her ability to talk, her ability to get around, and now she is in a position of being unable to take care of herself, much less get a job. There is an extreme amount of stress for many all across our country. We need to help our fellow neighbors. We were able to ease the pain of poverty for this woman until her disability payments begin. I wish there was something more we could do for her physical health. I commend other agencies that bring those in need to our attention so we may do all we can to help now.

Our politicians are warning us of even tougher times ahead, telling us that times are going to get worse before they get better. Being an optimist, I hope the worst will not come, but we need to prepare ourselves through caring and sharing, to see as many as we can through these hard times.

Someone recently asked me, "What are the hardest months for people?" I told this person it is much harder on the poverty stricken during the months of January, February, and March. We are dealing with a harsh winter, high utility costs, the holidays are over, property tax bills are due, and now our economy is at an all time low. I told this person that during the months of January, February, March, the donations are always the lowest, but the needs for many are great. This wonderful person then offered a solution

to our annual dilemma by saying, “My foundation will match dollar for dollar, every dollar that comes in for the months of January, February, and March.” Once again, this person put me in a position of speechlessness and heartfelt gratitude. I thought to myself this person had to be sent to all of us, and especially to the poverty stricken, as a gift from God. This person has seen firsthand how The Time is Now to Help spends every dollar that comes in to help the poverty stricken. This person has seen firsthand how The Time is Now to Help is the front lines of direct communication, direct help, with the poverty stricken, and this person has seen firsthand that we Care and Share with a God loving heart.

Now that I have had time to realize all the Caring and Sharing we can provide with this incredibly gracious gift, I reach out to all of you to give whatever you can. The needs are great. I know it is no longer Christmas, but we all know the true reason for the season and we must carry that season throughout the entire year, especially easing the pain of the poverty stricken. Shall we walk away and ignore this opportunity? God bless all of you who gave through the Christmas season. That time of year is for rejuvenating our souls, of wanting to help, expressing our true purpose as fellow creations. So please pass the word, help me to network this great opportunity for the poor, and together we will reach out and do everything we can to set an example of goodness throughout our communities. Help is especially needed now during these long winter months. Please help, please Care, please Share. Remember, the Drescher Family Charitable Foundation, will match every dollar you give throughout January, February, and March. Please help, thank you for Caring and Sharing.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, 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.

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