

Eight Years of Caring & Sharing

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This column marks our eighth year of sharing our work with you, our readers, through a weekly newspaper column. We have covered many aspects of poverty, disability, illness, child abuse and neglect, spousal abuse, addiction, job loss, tragedy, etc. We have together cried with despair over the many problems that affect our society and economy. We have held the hands of senior citizens that no longer feel needed or treasured. We have offered assistance to many struggling parents and grandparents trying to raise children in a safe and healthy environment. We have shared with our handicapped neighbors the most basic needs to make their lives somewhat easier and accessible. There are many more fellow creations than you read about each week that The Time Is Now to Help has assisted. For each letter you read in the newspaper, there are approximately ten more families, children, single parents, senior citizens, or disabled, we have helped due to your generous contributions to our cause. We are blessed to have caring and sharing individuals that offer a helping hand to our fellow American's in desperate need. Thank you for your continued support of our mission to remove the pain and suffering of our fellow creations.

Dear W.C.,

I was wondering if you could help my elderly father. He lives in your area and I am very worried about his wellbeing. I have been living in Illinois with my husband for many years. When we got married I moved here with him to be close to his job. A few years ago I had returned to Wisconsin for my mother's funeral. My father and I used to be close but when my brother was killed in a car accident, my father became very despondent. The only one who could reach him was my mother. Since my mother has passed away, my father has not had a telephone. I heard he has lost his house...

Dear WC,

My neighbor's electricity is turned off. I was wondering if you could please check in on her and her little girl.

Dear WC,

I lost my job. They are preparing to shut down our work place. I have been looking for full-time work but I can only find two part time jobs at \$7 and \$8 an hour. I have a family to feed...

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to ask for help for one of my co-workers. He is in his early 60's and has worked hard for over 25 years at the same place I work. His wife died several years ago from a heart condition. His only child, a daughter, was hit by a car and died right after he began to work here. I am asking for help for this kind hearted man because he has developed cancer and can no longer work. He is behind in his utilities and rent. We have held several fundraisers at work but we are all working hard but not earning much in these lean times. Our company is struggling to make ends meet. We have helped him as much as we can financially. His fellow employees have been bringing him home cooked meals, driving him to doctor's appointments, doing his laundry, and housework. We do not want to see our friend and co-worker struggle in his last days.

Dear W.C,

I have been fired from my job because my car is so unreliable. It needs several hundred dollars in repairs that I cannot afford. My employer tried to be patient with me but until I get reliable transportation I am out of work. Now I have been unable to pay my rent. I cry everyday from the fear of becoming homeless with my little girl. We are almost out of food, have no money for food, and live too far from anything to walk. I have nowhere to turn. I am a single mother with a young child and really want to get my life in order.

Dear W.C.

We are a young married couple. My husband and I graduated from college and we thought we would be able to find jobs immediately in the fields we earned our degrees in. When that did not seem to work out, we took a waiter and waitress job to help pay the bills. Then my husband lost his job due to the restaurant going out of business. Shortly after that I began to have problems breathing. It turns out I have asthma, We do not have health insurance and I have already had to make several trips to the emergency room and purchase several expensive prescriptions.

Dear W.C.,

I am a mother raising four children on my own. I left my husband of ten years several months ago to escape his constant verbal and physical abuse. We had to leave with only the clothes on our back.

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to ask for assistance for myself and my mentally handicapped daughter. We are on the verge of eviction and we will have nowhere to go. I called the homeless shelter but they are full.

Dear W.C.,

I am a single father trying to raise three children on my own. My wife died after a long struggle with cancer. We used to run a business together. Now that I have the full responsibility of the family, without my best friend and partner to share the responsibilities, it has all become overwhelming. As I struggle with my grief I also struggle to pay the rent and utilities. The business we built together has fallen apart due to the long illness and failing economy. Our inadequate health insurance coverage has left me with medical bills I will never be able pay. I have had to pull myself out of my sadness and face the harsh reality my life has become. Could you please help my family before we end up homeless on the street?

Dear WC,

I am so shamed that I have to ask for help. I am 85 years old. For some reason, the Lord wants me to continue to live at this old age. I have come to the point where I have no savings left and no more assets to sell. My social security does not cover my utilities, rent, or food. Thank God, I am not on any medications. I have not been to the doctor in 15 years so I would not know if I need any. My utilities are going to be shut off soon. I have no resources left. I am scared and all alone.

These are just a few of the letters we have answered in the last eight years. You may not remember these past letters, or the outcomes, but I guarantee you the letter writer does. They endured each moment of these words and they also felt the relief of a helping hand when they needed it most. They cover some of the situations we encounter on a daily basis at The Time Is Now to Help. We do our best to investigate each letter for authenticity and sincerity. We are usually much more devastated by the story that is not even told to us in the initial letter. The amount of pain and suffering our fellow creations are enduring can sometimes be overwhelming and heartbreaking. We offer the individualized help that is needed for each situation. We want our recipients to be left better prepared to care for themselves and/or their dependents. This would not have been possible without your caring and sharing for the past eight years. You have been an integral part of this organization since the very beginning of our sharing of our mission. The Time Is Now to Help has been assisting the poverty stricken with rent, utilities, food, auto assistance, household necessities, handicapped assistance, clothing, toiletries, etc. for over 25 years. In that time we have not used one penny of your donations to pay for any overhead, salaries, supplies, auto expenses, postage, or expense of any kind. Your donations are used 100% to assist those in need.

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be utilized 100% to provide food, utility and housing assistance...to ease the pains of poverty of our fellow Americans.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone, W.C.

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