

Dear W.C.,

My wife and I are senior citizens. We are in desperate need of a car. Our old car broke down and we now have no transportation for doctor's appointments and grocery shopping. My wife has several medical conditions that require frequent trips to her doctors and the hospital for chemotherapy. We live in a mobile home that is not walking distance to any shopping. I have been riding my bicycle to the store but it is not very pleasant as I have arthritis, I have to drive on a busy street and the weather does not always cooperate. There is no way we will ever be able to save enough money for a car since we live on social security. I humbly ask for your help with finding suitable transportation.

Dear W.C.,

I am a single mother with two children. My ex-husband took our only good car and left me with one that barely runs. Now I am so worried I will lose my job due to my car being so unreliable. I work hard to care for my children. I have never asked for help before but now I must ask for help with this in order to maintain my job. Just last week it broke down again on my way to work and I had to walk the remaining two miles in the pouring, cold rain. I was a mess and late when I arrived. Please, The Time Is Now to Help is my last hope.

Dear W.C.,

I am a handicapped man in need of repairs for my handicap equipped van. It has been serviceable for many years but it recently broke down. I cannot afford the repairs that need to be done so at this time I am living without any transportation. I am a paraplegic and have hand controls in my van. I feel trapped in my wheelchair and worry I will lose my part-time job. My job makes me feel needed and helps me to live independently. Please, I do not want to lose my job. I live on a very tight budget so saving money for the repairs would be impossible. My elderly neighbor told me about The Time Is Now to Help and mentioned how you help people in situations like mine. My neighbor encouraged me to contact you for help with repairing my handicap van. Thank you for any consideration of help.

Dear Readers,

These are just three of the over twenty letters written by people waiting for transportation assistance from The Time Is Now to Help. This area continues to be one of our most requested assistance, along with rent/shelter assistance and utility assistance.

It is devastating for someone that has a job to lose it due to lack of reliable transportation. Unfortunately, many that live in our communities are what you would consider the working poor. They have to work long hours or even two jobs just to make ends meet. Even many of our senior citizens still maintain at least part-time employment to afford food, medications, utilities, rent/mortgage payments...If you are disabled and/or living on a fixed income a car repair is definitely not something you can fit in your already stretched, month to month, week to week budget.

This year to date we have helped many of our fellow creations with their transportation needs. We feel this is an important area of assistance as we are directly having an impact on people maintaining their much needed employment. We also are helping cancer patients with desperately needed transportation to get to medical appointments and treatments. We are helping our fellow senior citizen neighbors not go hungry by giving them the ability to shop for their food and medications. We are improving the lives of our fellow Americans right here in our communities when we provide transportation assistance to maintain their employment.

I would love to say we can offer this assistance to everyone in desperate need, but transportation assistance is also one of the hardest for us to provide. We have our last two donated vehicles being given to their most grateful recipients this week. After this we have no cars available for our fellow creations on our waiting list, so desperately in need.

We were able to repair the senior citizens car to good, safe working order. They are overjoyed to have reliable transportation again. The handicap accessible van was also repaired and the single mother will be receiving our last donated vehicle this week. It was in need of a safety check and had to have a few repairs done in order to be sure she had a good running reliable car for work, to provide for her children.

Please, please if you have a car you are considering donating to charity we would be so grateful for your donation. Our many fellow creations are begging for our help.

We are happy to announce the Spring Fox Charities \$10,000 Matching Grant has been met. Thank you for your support in meeting this matching grant and for providing the donations needed to meet the many desperate requests for assistance. Fox Charities and all of "You" have been a great source of inspiration and instrumental in the fight against poverty in our communities. Next week we will share where every penny of this matching grant was spent to alleviate the pains and suffering of poverty.

My dear friends, poverty is causing great pain among our fellow creations. Let us stand together and continue our good works of removing the pains of poverty. God Bless all of "You" for helping.

*Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone, W.C./Sal*

**Please Help:** There are many coming to us in desperation. Our good fellow creations need our compassion. Together we make a big difference. Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 1, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. 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 how your donation provided assistance for the poverty stricken.

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