

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to see if you can help my wife and me. We are both in our late sixties. My wife has had cancer for five years now. Every time they think she is cured it seems to show up again. She has been so strong through all this. Until now I have been working full-time just so we can pay our bills. My wife had to give up her job when she was first diagnosed years ago because she got so sick from the chemo. Since then she has had multiple surgeries, radiation and treatments. Now I have been diagnosed with cancer as well. I will no longer be able to work to support us. Our Social Security is not enough to get by on once they take our Medicare out of it and our supplemental insurance we need. Our daughter lives in Arizona and has asked us to move there so she can help take care of us. The problem is that none of us can afford the move and transportation. Our car is old and will not make the trip there. To be honest I don't think my wife or I could even handle that far of a drive. My daughter and her family do not have the money to help us move there. They just get by paycheck to paycheck. The Time is Now is our only hope of moving where we can have some help with our care.

Dear Readers,

The Time Is Now to Help has assisted in many unusual circumstances and this one I felt in my heart needed our attention. I called the man that had written the letter requesting our help in moving them to live by their daughter so she could help in their care. After a brief phone conversation the man asked me to just come over and meet him and his wife.

I arrived at the small home the husband had told me they were renting after losing their previous home several years ago to foreclosure. Hearing this information I knew they had been struggling financially probably ever since the wife was diagnosed with cancer five years prior and she had to give up her job. I knocked on the door and heard what sounded like a small dog barking. When the door was opened by who I assumed was the husband I was happily greeted by a small friendly dog. The husband tried to contain her excitement but I could see the little dog was thrilled to have company. I told the husband I was a dog lover and most dogs like me. He said, "She is usually a little reserved with strangers but she seems to like you."

Once I finished greeting the husband and his little dog I entered the home to meet his wife. The husband led me to the living room where a thin woman was in a recliner. The little dog immediately jumped in her lap and kissed the woman like she was her long lost best friend. The woman said, "Now, now settle down Trixie. You just saw me a minute ago." I noticed she said this with a smile and gave Trixie an affectionate kiss on her head. I shook the woman's hand and also received my own kiss from the little dog Trixie. The woman apologized for the little dog but I commented, "No apologies necessary. I have two dogs myself and they are the best thing to help me keep my mind off my stresses and worries. It doesn't matter if I'm gone for just a few minutes or hours, they always greet me like I've been gone for days." The woman smiled in knowledge and nodded her head in agreement.

After our introductions the husband asked the wife if she needed anything and then we sat down by the wife's recliner to talk. I asked about the wife's cancer and treatments. She had been battling this disease for nearly six years. She had gone through mastectomies and several other invasive surgeries as the cancer had spread to other organs. The wife told me how her medical doctors were all so surprised she was still surviving as they had found her cancer when it was fairly advanced. The wife said, "I do believe God is not done with me here yet. It is the power of prayer and a miracle that I am still here. I have been through hell with the treatments I've endured but I am still alive. Now we have to pray for a miracle for my husband." With that she looked at her husband with love and said, "He has been so helpful through all this. He has cared for me in ways I never knew he could handle. He has taken over all the heavy housework and still kept his job. Now he will need help too and I know I won't be able to do what he has been doing. We really will need to be by our daughter to help us." Looking at the frail thin woman I knew she would not be able to care for her husband and do the household tasks she had done in the past.

I asked to see their budget and went over it thoroughly. They had just enough from their social security to pay the rent and a small utility bill. There was not enough for anything else. Their savings had been used up in the past four years between insurance deductibles and car repairs. I asked the husband and wife how they expected to get by once they were in Arizona. I would not send them off to live by the daughter only to find out they were struggling there as well. The husband said, "Our daughter is not well off. They have a bedroom suite they would like us to move into. We have offered to pay them rent because we know they could use a little help too. The rent would be very minimal compared to what we are paying now. We would have enough to pay for our food and help with utilities. We would need to buy a car because we don't want to be a burden for all our doctor's appointments. We just cannot afford the airline tickets for our move and the airlines wants extra for Trixie to travel with us."

I could see that Trixie was a great comfort to the wife and she would definitely need to be included in this move. I asked about their belongings and after a tour of the home saw they did not have much. What they had would be donated as it was not worth the move and they would not have anywhere to put it in the daughters already furnished bedroom. We went over some of the details of the husbands cancer diagnosis and they both told me they did not want to start his treatments until they were moved as once they started he would be too sick to move. I saw the urgency of this move and told them we would be able to do this quickly once they were ready. The husband and wife both looked at each other in surprise and asked, "You mean you will help us?" I said, "Yes, all of us at The Time Is Now to Help will be here to get you on your way to Arizona."

The husband called the daughter immediately and after a short excited conversation handed the phone to me. I could tell the daughter was crying as she said, "Are you really helping my parents move here by me? I have been so worried about them for so long. This has been a dream of mine to get them here living with me. You are making that dream a reality. How can I ever thank you enough?" I answered, "Just being there to take care of them is all the thanks we need."

The next ten days were busy with volunteers helping to pack boxes and suitcases. Their car was sold and the funds from that sale were saved to purchase another used vehicle when they got to Arizona. Many items were donated and others were packed to accompany them on their move. Once everything was packed the husband said to one of the volunteers, "Can you believe our whole life is now packed in a few suitcases and boxes?" After many hugs and prayers the husband, wife and the little dog Trixie were on their way.

At our last update, this time from the daughter, we were told the husband is very sick and weak from his chemotherapy. The daughter said it is a blessing that they are now living there by her so she can cook and care for them during this difficult time. The wife is seeing a new oncologist in Arizona that continues to be amazed by her ability to survive her cancers. The daughter said they will continue to pray and put their faith in God for all they have to encounter going forward. We thank all of "You" for your faith in our organization that allows us to provide this caring and sharing assistance.

There are many people struggling with life threatening illnesses in our communities just like this husband and wife. While every situation is unique so are the solutions. After our assistance this husband and wife were able to live being cared for, concentrating on getting well and not enduring the endless stress of poverty. We cannot thank "You" enough for allowing us to help this loving couple and their little dog.

Please let us continue to help our fellow creations. Every dollar you donate will be matched by the Fox Charities Miracles \$25,000 Matching Grant. Together we will continue to remove the pain and suffering of our fellow Americans.

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

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