

Dear W.C.,

I am writing because the woman that works nights cleaning the office I work in, needs help. She does not work directly for us as she works for a cleaning service. I have had to work late many times over the past few months, so we have gotten to know each other, as I am a curious person and have asked questions about her job and life. She seemed happy to have someone to talk to as she worked. Yesterday I learned she is going through a very difficult time as her husband of 40 years is in end stage kidney failure. She shared with me their financial struggle as her husband had to stop working before his retirement due to his illness. They have been trying to pay their medical bills. She is the only one supporting them right now with her job cleaning three nights a week. I don't know how they are getting by. Often it is just my car and hers in the parking lot when I leave, and I can't help but notice her car needs some work and she is driving on bald tires. I asked her if she minded if I wrote to you on her behalf and she began to cry. She had never heard of The Time is Now to Help and she was amazed by what I told her about your organization. She then told me more about her situation and it made me very concerned. They are three months behind in their rent and she has been going to the food pantry when she can. She hardly gets any rest as she cares for her husband day and night, except when she is working evenings, and her sister stays with him. I have included the contact information for this wonderful woman so you may speak to her directly. I have never felt so compelled to help someone before and unfortunately, I am not in a financial position to help.

Dear Readers,

I called the woman who wrote this letter to confirm some of the information. We spoke for a long time about her observations and what she had learned from her several months of conversations. She asked me, "How do you do this every day? I am worried about this woman and her husband constantly. How will they ever get out of this situation?" I assured her we would do all we could to help them through this difficult time.

My next call was to the woman who needed our help. When she learned who was on the phone she immediately burst into tears. She apologized for being so emotional, but I could tell she was dealing with so much right now. Between her husband's terminal illness, living on the verge of eviction, constant caregiving, and a lack of sleep, I was surprised she was as together and organized as I found her to be.

As her time was very limited, we got right to work on their budget. The woman who referred her to us had advised her to put together a budget, so she was ready for my questions. I did not see anything in her budget for car repairs and when I asked, the woman admitted to scary trips to her job when the roads were not completely dry and her check engine light had been on for some time. She said it was really the least of her worries right now, yet it would be the

top of her list of concerns when she no longer had transportation to work and multiple medical visits.

After a thorough review of their budget, I had her car scheduled for its needed maintenance. We would provide four months rent to ease their financial strain, pay their overdue utilities and pay some into the future, provide gift cards for food, toiletries, and gas. The woman was overwhelmed with emotion when I told her all we would do for them. She put her husband on the phone, and I could barely hear his voice as he weakly whispered how thankful he was for this assistance, adding, "I can go in peace knowing she will be okay." This brought me to tears as I knew from speaking to his wife that his time was limited. Our last words to each other were, "God Bless you."

Once again, together we are doing our good work easing the pains of poverty in all stages of life. We could never do this alone, and thanks to "You" we do not have to.

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*Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, Sal*

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