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Dear W.C.,

I am hanging on by a thread right now. I am a single mother with one daughter. My daughter who is eight was injured in a car accident when riding with her father during his visitation day. He was injured as well and between the time I have had to take off work during her hospitalization and now caring for her at home, and my ex-husband’s inability to pay child support while he recovers, I am in a bad way financially. I have no more sick days and I don’t know how I will be able to pay my rent, utilities, and car payment next week. It has been so stressful between worrying about my daughter and worrying about becoming homeless, I can hardly sleep or eat. My daughter is my everything, so this has been overwhelming emotionally. I am so grateful she is doing better, and it is really a blessing that she is even alive. Next week she will return to school, and I can return to work, but I will never be able to catch up on everything. It could be another month before her father can even provide any child support and he has his own bills to catch up on.

Dear Readers,

I contacted the worried mother to find out more details. We began a long conversation that included many tears of both stress and relief.

The mother went into detail about the car accident that almost took her daughters and ex-husbands’ lives. While they are divorced, they seem to have a friendship and a good coparenting relationship. She shared with me her worry for both their well-beings after the terrible car accident. This brought tears of worry and the pain of reliving that difficult time.

With her daughter and ex-husband both finally recovering from their injuries her worries turned to her financial situation. She had just been getting by before this accident, now she was drastically behind in all her bills. The ones she worried about the most were her rent and car payments. Both were three weeks late and this caused her many sleepless nights already. She admitted to cutting back on food for herself, but quickly added she had not cut back in her daughters’ food. She also had been dropping off food to her ex-husband when she could as he had no one to help him during his recovery. This stretched her food budget even further.

She struggled to pay for gas for the many medical appointments she had for her daughter, and she admitted to helping her ex-husband by driving him to his medical appointments as

well. Now she would be going back to work and had no money for gas, and she worried about losing her car. The woman began to cry tears of frustration and fear of homelessness.

We went over her budget together line by line. She was very organized in her budget and had any document I requested ready to review with me. Her budget needed little in the way of revising as she was living very frugally before the accident in order to pay her rent that had increased in January, and her car payment for the transportation she desperately needed to maintain her employment.

With our delivery of three rent payments, three car payments, and gas and food gift cards, including enough food gift cards so she could continue to help her ex-husband with meals she drops off, the mother began to cry tears of relief. Relief of the stress and worry that had been keeping her from sleep and making her too sick to eat properly.

Several weeks later I checked in with the single mother and felt like I was speaking to a completely different person. Gone were the stress and tears. She was happy to report her daughter was back at school full-time and her ex-husband had gone back to work. With the assistance we provided the stress of permanently falling behind following the tragic accident was removed and replaced with gratitude and relief.

Thank you for allowing us to provide this assistance and all our poverty relief efforts in our communities. Thank “You” and God Bless “You”.

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