

Dear W.C.,

You helped a friend of mine several years ago when they needed a wheelchair ramp installed on their home. Their life was upended due to an accident that left my friend in a wheelchair and unable to afford some of the changes that were necessary. Now I find myself in a similar situation where I need some assistance. Six weeks ago, I fell down a flight of stairs and have been unable to work ever since. I am a single mother with two children and have no one else that can help me financially. I fractured my shoulder and broke my wrist in the fall. I went through surgery and stayed in the hospital for nearly a week. Thank God I have my sister who took care of my children and helped me out when I came home from the hospital. She has been driving me to all my physical therapy appointments and doctors' visits. This has caused her to miss work several times as I had some setbacks in my healing. I am finally making progress in my recovery but find myself so far behind in my bills that I will never be able to catch up. I was never able to set aside an emergency fund while raising two children on my own. We always lived paycheck to paycheck. Now without any income I find myself facing homelessness and hunger for the first time ever. I pray you are able to provide the same relief for my family as you did for my friend in the past. Your charity was such a blessing to them in their time of need.

Dear Readers,

Accidents can change your life in a blink of an eye. This woman found that out the hard way as she has suffered both physically, emotionally and financially due to a fall that was purely an accident.

I met this woman at her home with her sister and two children. They all greeted me and after I made my introduction, we all talked together for a while. I heard about the woman's tragic fall and long recovery from not only the woman but her children and sister as well.

The woman still had her arm in a sling as her shoulder injury continued to heal. She would be released to return to work in a few more weeks but she would need to take it slow as she cleaned people's homes for a living. She and her sister worked together so being unable to do her job for nearly two months had taken a toll on both women. The sister said she was only able to manage half their accounts on her own.

We went over her budget and I found she had been honest in her confession of living paycheck to paycheck. The funds she had been saving for her rent for the past month had been used for living expenses, gas, food and medical expenses. She was on the verge of eviction but had an understanding landlord that was trying to work out a payment schedule. Her utilities were overdue as well as her car payment. I knew this would be impossible for

her to recover financially on her own. This had been the kind of accident that caused months if not years of financial decline and homelessness.

The children were old enough to listen and understand the budget advice I was sharing. They even asked questions and were relieved when I told them not to worry, that thanks to all of “You” they would be okay. I shared with them that we would be paying their overdue rent and paying an additional month as well. We also would be paying for their overdue utilities, providing gift cards for gas, clothing and food. Both children began to cry and hugged their mother and aunt in relief as we all realized they had been more concerned than we had thought.

Seeing the children so visibly relieved, along with the mother and aunt, I fought back my own tears as I was filled with gratitude for being able to provide our assistance to so many in our communities thanks to all of us working together to fight poverty in our communities.

Thank you and God Bless You for making this and all our poverty relief efforts a success. Thanks to “You” and the Kune’s Family Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant, every dollar you donate at this time will be matched, doubling the poverty relief we are able to provide. 100% of this matching grant will be used to provide poverty relief throughout our communities. Thank you to the Kune’s Family Foundation, and all of “You”, for your generosity and support of our poverty relief efforts!

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