

Dear W.C.,

My wife, 13-year-old son and I were living with my mother-in-law for the past year while my wife went through treatment for breast cancer. My wife's mother helped to care for her when she was sick and took her to many of her doctor's appointments while I worked. My mother-in-law passed away unexpectedly two months ago, and we only had a few weeks to move out as the landlord would not renew the lease with us and we could not afford the home on our own anyway. We had nowhere to go so we ended up moving into a motel. Now we are in a real dilemma because my income is not enough for us to afford the motel much longer. I had to take off work to help with the funeral, packing up the house, and taking my wife to her doctor's appointments. My wife is finally done with her treatments and almost well enough to work again. She is grieving greatly for her mother, but she will begin her job in two weeks. Even with both of us working it will be impossible for us to save up enough for a security deposit and first month's rent while paying for a motel room. The last thing I want to put my wife and son through right now is losing this motel room too. I feel like a failure as a husband and father as I have not been able to protect them from this additional suffering.

Dear Readers,

This family sounded like they had been through more than their share of suffering over the past year. Together we would be able to at least help remove the pains and suffering of poverty they were experiencing.

I made my call to the husband who had written this letter requesting our assistance. It was in the evening and I expected to find him at the motel room with his family. When he answered and heard who was calling, he excused himself from the room for a walk so we could talk in private.

In less than a minute he was back on the phone and explained he did not want his son to hear the details of how much trouble they were in financially. He also did not want to bring everything up again in front of his wife who was still grieving the painful loss of her mother and worrying excessively over their current living arraignment.

After a review of everything already stated in his letter and asking him many questions to make sure I had all the information necessary to get them back on track, we worked on a plan together. The father had repeated several times how he felt like a failure and had not protected his family. I knew it was important to include him in the ideas I had in mind so he believed he was part of the solution. I reminded the good husband/father that many of the things that happened over the past year were not his fault and there was not anything he could have done to protect his family from the painful experiences' life had brought their

way. After a long conversation I could feel his improving self-esteem and a new positive attitude.

Together we paid for a month at the motel while they continued to look for an apartment they could afford. We also helped with much needed car repairs to ensure the husband and wife had reliable transportation for work. I promised we would provide two months' rent and a security deposit, along with new beds once an apartment was found. Gift cards for food and toiletries would be delivered by a volunteer the following day.

The husband/father began to cry tears of relief before I could even tell him all we would provide for his family. He said, "I knew The Time is Now to Help helped people when they were down on their luck, but I never expected we would be helped enough to get us back on stable ground. I can't wait to tell my wife she no longer has to worry about living out of our car. She can focus on taking care of her health and healing her broken heart. I can never thank you enough."

When we remove the pains and suffering of poverty often the other stresses in life are given the opportunity to heal as well. That is what we do together thanks to your support.

After three weeks of intense searching, I received the phone call I was waiting for. The husband/father and his wife had found an apartment that fit in their budget and all they needed to move forward on the next step in their lives, was the promised security deposit and two months rent. New beds would be delivered soon. With this assistance they are well on their way to recovering in all areas of their lives.

We have almost met the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant. This matching grant is allowing us to continue our good work by preventing homelessness, hunger, and suffering. Thank "You" and God Bless "You".

*Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, 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. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing how 100% of your donation was used for providing poverty relief. Please visit our website for more information, to read more of our past and current columns and/or to make a donation: [www.timeisnowtohelp.org](http://www.timeisnowtohelp.org)

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