

Dear W.C.,

I learned about your charity through an acquaintance at church. When I confided in her about the difficult situation my family has found us in, she encouraged me to reach out before things spiral any further.

Two months ago, our van suddenly stopped running on my husband's way home from work. After having it towed to a mechanic, we were told the engine had failed. The repair estimate was more than \$5,000, far more than the vehicle is worth. There is no way we can afford to fix it, and purchasing another vehicle is completely out of reach.

To make matters worse, I recently underwent unexpected surgery that has kept me out of work for nearly seven weeks. Since I am at work on my feet all day my doctor does not want me to return to my job until I am nearly healed in a few weeks. My husband has been working overtime whenever they offer it to him, using our old car to get back and forth to work. We worry every day that it, too, could break down at any moment.

Without my income, we quickly fell behind. Our rent is overdue, and we are juggling which utility bill can wait and which cannot. We have always paid our bills on time and have never asked for help before. It is humbling and frightening to find ourselves in this position so quickly.

Right now, all I can do is focus on recovering and pray that we can hold everything together long enough for me to return to work. We are doing our best to remain hopeful, but the fear of eviction or losing our only reliable transportation weighs heavily on us each day.

Dear Readers,

We receive letters like this very often. In just a matter of weeks, a hardworking family saw their stability unravel. A vehicle requires overwhelming repairs. Unexpected medical emergencies cause a loss of jobs and stability.

With only one aging car, her husband now drives back and forth to work each day, praying it holds together. When the wife returns to work, they will need another vehicle because they work in opposite directions. Meanwhile, the rent has fallen behind, utility bills are stacking up, and the fear of eviction looms over a family that has never needed to ask for help in the past. With two children living at home, they are even more distressed over the possibility of homelessness.

This is not a story of poor choices. It is a story of how quickly life can change. One mechanical failure. One medical emergency. One temporary loss of income. That is all it takes to push a responsible family into a crisis.

Thanks to your continued generosity, we were able to step in and help with overdue rent and utilities, giving this family the breathing room they need while the wife recovers and prepares to return to work. Your compassion will help stabilize their housing and relieve the overwhelming anxiety they are carrying each day.

We also were blessed to purchase a vehicle for this family, as reliable transportation is the only permanent solution to their present situation. We also are providing a few car repairs to their second vehicle to be sure the wife has reliable transportation when she returns to work. With this assistance we are providing the helping hand up this family needs to succeed going forward.

When you support this charity, you are not just paying bills. You are restoring hope. You are preventing homelessness. You are keeping a working family on their feet during a temporary but overwhelming hardship.

Thanks to the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant, every donation made at this time will be matched dollar for dollar—allowing us to truly change lives and provide poverty relief where it matters most. Thank you for being the hands and hearts that bring hope to those most in need in our communities.

*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.

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**Prayer Chain:** The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Trae, Bill, Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Betty, Ellie, Concetta, Cheryl, Kirubel M., Wanda L., Joan, Bruce, and Andy.

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