

Dear W.C.,

We are assisting a single mother who is presently homeless with her three children. She has been following our program and shown herself to be a hardworking responsible individual. She recently escaped a very abusive and dangerous relationship. After a particularly bad few days that included extensive physical and verbal abuse, she escaped, getting to medical care and the authorities. After being treated they were placed in a homeless shelter. They have since been moved out of state to our facility and we are now looking to help her move out into her own apartment. This mother has secured a great job, she had a degree and previous job experience that made her easy to employ, but now she needs reliable transportation and a security deposit, and first month's rent to give her the fresh, safe start she needs. Our organization does not have the funds for this area of assistance, so we are turning to you after hearing about the many people you have helped. Please consider this worthy woman and her children for your poverty relief efforts.

Dear Readers,

This mother came to us highly recommended, and after speaking with the woman who wrote the referral letter, we too felt assured she was the perfect candidate for our poverty relief efforts.

We spoke with the mother the following evening after she returned to the shelter from work. Because she did not have her own transportation, she often arrived back to her children much later than necessary each night. She relied on a shared ride from another shelter resident who worked a different shift, which meant she frequently had to arrive at work early and wait for her shift to begin, and then stay late until her ride was available.

During our conversation, she shared the story of the life she had lived before finally escaping the abusive relationship she had endured for so long. Like many women I have spoken with who have suffered through similar circumstances, she now looks back and wonders why she stayed and how she even survived what she went through. She shared medical documents with me showing how she had suffered a concussion and multiple bones and fractures. There were many tears as she spoke about the fear that her children might grow up without her protection and love, and her determination to never allow herself to fall victim to that danger again.

Turning our attention to the future and how we could help improve it, we discussed her transportation needs. A reliable vehicle would be essential for commuting to her job. Even with the possibility of renting an apartment she had located within four miles of her

workplace, in our area a dependable car is key to maintaining employment and accessing medical care.

I asked about the apartment she had found and was pleased to hear that it was owned by a landlord we had worked with many times in the past. I called him to confirm that the apartment was still available and to review the details. With those assurances in place, I promised the landlord we would provide the security deposit and two months' rent to secure the apartment.

In addition to a reliable used car, new beds, bedding, and household necessities, along with food and gas gift cards, would provide the final touches to giving this mother and her children the fresh and safe start they so desperately needed.

Thank you for making this and all our poverty relief efforts possible.

We will soon share with you where every dollar of the Family Foundation 2026 \$40,000 Matching Grant was spent. One hundred percent of this grant, and all of your donations, is used to provide poverty relief in our communities. Together with all of "You" and the Family Foundation, we are changing and saving lives.

Thank you for being the hands and hearts that bring hope to those most in need in our communities.

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