

Dear WC,

I often read about how you help single mothers and children, the elderly, and those living with handicaps. I'm an elderly man hoping and praying that I may obtain some assistance.

I worked hard my entire life in hopes of enjoying my retirement. For a few years, my wife and I were able to enjoy our retirement while I continued to work part-time, until she became ill. She was sick for two years and her medical bills and other unexpected expenses drained our savings. By the time she passed, I was forced to sell our mobile home to pay off some debt, and I could no longer afford the repairs and upkeep.

Now I struggle to afford rent, food, and utilities. Our only son died years ago, and I have no family left. The only family I have left is my dog, who was my wife's beloved companion. Lately, I haven't been able to afford dog food, so I share what food I am eating. He has a skin condition that required medication and a trip to the vet but I had to skip paying my electric bill so I could take him last week.

I'm willing to work, but at my age, opportunities are scarce. I would do deliveries if my car was reliable because Social Security only goes so far.

Dear Readers,

While I often share stories of families and single mothers, poverty knows no age limits. Poverty can and does affect people from every walk of life.

This gentleman had endured much loss in his life, the death of his son, then his wife, and the financial hardship that followed. Left with little more than an aging car, a few belongings, and his loyal dog, he was struggling to get by. Even his safety was compromised, as his car had been broken into at his previous home.

When we spoke, and I told him The Time Is Now to Help would step in, he broke down in tears of relief.

We assisted with repairing his car and helped him move into a safer, low-income senior apartment. By covering the security deposit and first month's rent, paying off his overdue utility bill, providing overdue car repairs and maintenance, and providing gift cards for food, pet food, toiletries and other daily necessities he had been doing without, this elderly gentleman was able to get the fresh start he longed for.

This still active and vital senior gentleman now contributes by doing maintenance work around the apartment building he rents, reducing his rent and restoring a sense of purpose. In his new community, he has found friendship with his trusty companion by visiting shut-ins with his dog, driving neighbors to appointments, and receiving meals or small payments in return. He feels he is filling a void in many of his senior neighbors' lives.

Sometimes, a pet is more than a companion. For this elderly gentleman his dog is a treasured reminder of his beloved wife and a lifeline to companionship with his neighbors and new friends. For many facing hardship, that unconditional love provides the strength to keep going, even when you are down and lose hope.

Today, he is stable, self-sufficient, and surrounded by a supportive community. What he needed most was a fresh start—and the chance to feel valued again.

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 your continued compassion and generosity.

*Health & Happiness, Love & God Bless Everyone, Sal*

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