

Dear W.C.,

I am a manager at a low-income apartment complex. Most of our residents are elderly or disabled and live far below poverty level. Some do not have beds or even a table to sit at. It is very sad seeing what my residents go through daily, balancing their housing, food, medications, transportation to medical appointments, and not even a bed to rest on at the end of the day. I am humbly asking for beds and possibly some food gift cards for three of our elderly residents. They have been struggling recently due to illness and none of them have any family to step in to help. I know I am supposed to remain personally unattached to these people, but they have grown close to my heart. It is hard to see them suffer but being a single mother I do not have the financial means to help them. I was able to put together a volunteer group through my church that has kindly offered to provide rides, donated used clothing and hot meals on occasion. Would your charity be able to provide much-needed beds and gift cards? Thank you for all your charity does to make this world a better place.

Dear Readers,

I called the apartment manager to get the full details, names, ages, and further information of the residents in need. She showed much compassion for her residents.

We spoke for a long time as she shared with me all these residents had been through not just recently, but some of the stories of how these fellow creations had become residents at the apartment building to begin with. Some were disabled and unable to work. Many were senior citizens that struggled due to illness and disabilities. Most were alone in the world until this kind woman had been able to single handedly put together a group of volunteers that were happy to provide transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping and sometimes just visited the residents or helped with household chores they were unable to do.

One of the residents in need of a new bed was an elderly woman who had lost most her belongings due to a fire last year at a prior residence. Someone had managed to find a used recliner chair and that was what she was presently sleeping in. The woman struggled to manually open the chair and had fallen several times trying to get out of it. We replaced that old chair with a new electric lift chair to help ease her to her feet. She preferred this over a bed, and it would greatly enhance her independence and safety. We also would provide her with gift cards for some desperately needed household necessities, toiletries and food. The woman cried happy tears of gratitude for these gifts we were able to provide thanks to your support.

The second resident is an elderly proud veteran who was hesitant to ask for help. He struggled due to his disabilities and lack of resources. We ordered him a new bed, bedding, and gift cards for food that would allow him to shop with one of the volunteers. Another volunteer, a veteran himself, would help him apply for further assistance he should be eligible for. The apartment manager said she had never seen this man show emotion until he walked in to see his new bed set up with his new bedding. She said he did his best to hide his tears as he shared his gratitude.

The third person helped is an elderly woman who has outlived her husband and her son. She had cared for them both through long illnesses that had left her bankrupt and spiritually and physically broken. She is once again attending church now that she is well rested and fed. This woman gratefully received her new bed, bedding, new shoes, toiletries, food and other daily necessities. Our assistance has changed her life greatly and the apartment manager tells me she is improving both physically and spiritually thanks to our assistance and the wonderful volunteers she provided.

Thank you and God Bless you for making all our good works possible. We too are grateful for the poverty relief we are able to provide thanks to your support.

Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, Sal

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