

Dear W.C.,

This past year has been one of the most difficult for my husband and me. I lost my mother to cancer four months ago and she needed both my physical and financial help for over a year before she lost her battle. I had to give up my job to care for her full-time. There was no money for a funeral, so we paid for that expense. That was while my husband was still working, but since he suffered a heart attack two months ago, he has been unable to work. I have not been able to return to work yet as I went from caring for my mother to caring for my husband. We are behind in our mortgage and utilities. I hope to start work again soon so I can help our situation. I am under so much stress as I worry about my husband and paying our bills, all while still grieving the loss of my mother. I don't know where else to turn.

Dear Readers,

This woman sounded like she needed more than just our financial assistance. She also needed a compassionate person to talk to.

With their mortgage payment and utilities already overdue I contacted her right away. When she answered her phone, she was surprised to hear it was The Time is Now to Help calling. She admitted she had never thought anything would come from writing her letter of request. She shared with me that over the past year she had applied for assistance from several agencies but only one had been able to help and that the minimal help had not gone far. She sounded discouraged and hopeless. After hearing their story, I assured her they would get the help they needed.

I listened as the woman shared with me the past year of watching her mother decline as she provided around the clock care. She admitted her faith was the only thing keeping her from falling into a deep depression as she firmly believed her mother was now in a better place. And then to nearly lose her husband a few months later had been almost more than she could bear. She tried to hide her tears, but it was obvious she still struggled with the loss of her mother and the disability of her husband.

We talked about her job options and her husband's eventual return to work. Her return would be in two weeks, but due to doctors' orders his would be in about 6 weeks. By this time this husband and wife would be severely behind in their mortgage payment and have disconnected utilities. The ongoing stress would not help either of them, but especially her husband as he recovered from his heart attack. Together we would keep that from being their fate. We paid their overdue mortgage payment and two more to allow the husband time for a full recovery. We paid for their utilities, again paying some additional to remove the possibility of utility disconnection. Gift cards for food and gas were provided. The woman tried to hide her tears, but she could no longer control them. The relief of stress was overwhelming for both her and her husband.

A few months later I smiled as I listened to a voicemail from this woman sharing the good news that both she and her husband were back at work. Two months after our assistance they

are back on their feet and physically, spiritually, and financially healthy. The woman told me how our assistance had lifted a weight from her and her husband, allowing them to think and pray more clearly. With a return to positive thinking, they were amazed how even better job opportunities had come their way. The husband had worked hard to lose weight, and they had both improved their diets thanks to the gift cards for groceries we had provided. They took my advice on taking daily walks together and had found this helped to reduce their stress even further. The woman said, "Where other people had turned us away, you turned our lives around and took us not only out of poverty but out of the mindset of poverty and grief. The Time is Now to Help has been such a blessing."

Thank you for letting us be a blessing to so many in our communities. You help make all our good works possible!

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

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