

Dear W.C.,

I am writing to ask for help for one of my co-workers. She is in her early 60s and was diagnosed with cancer a few months ago. The illness has taken a serious toll on her physically, emotionally, and financially. She has applied for assistance but has not yet received word on when support will begin.

We have held small fundraisers at work, but the amount raised has not been enough to cover her growing expenses. She is now unable to afford her rent this month and is falling behind on several bills.

My co-workers and I have done what we can to help. We take turns bringing her meals, driving her to medical appointments, walking her dog, and helping with household chores. While we are glad we can support her in these ways, we simply cannot provide the financial help she urgently needs. She is a kind and generous person, and it is heartbreaking to watch her go through this. Assistance with her bills would greatly ease her stress and allow her to focus on what matters most, her recovery and healing.

Dear Readers,

When I spoke with the co-worker who wrote this letter, I learned more about the woman in need. I listened as they shared how, in the past, she had always been the one to lend a helping hand, offering rides, giving her time, and supporting others without hesitation. It quickly became clear that she is exactly the kind of person who needs our helping hand up.

Despite being told she was having a particularly difficult week of treatment and might not feel well enough to talk, we reached out to her. After a few rings, she answered the phone. Though weak, she was warm and gracious, and she agreed to speak for as long as she was able. She seemed relieved to have a distraction and two caring people to speak to.

Knowing our time may be limited, we got right to work discussing her current situation. The woman shared that she was indeed behind on rent, utilities, and one car payment. High deductibles and copays for her medical care had quickly depleted her savings, leaving her with no financial cushion during her time of need.

Thanks to her caring co-workers she had not gone hungry over the past two months, while she had been too weak to shop or cook. She was hopeful she could regain enough strength to begin shopping and cooking again, as she expressed guilt over relying so heavily on her co-workers. She worried as they all lived on tight budgets also. Both her

co-worker and I reassured her that this support comes from their genuine care, love and gratitude for all she has done for others over the years.

That reassurance brought her to tears. When I shared the additional assistance she would be receiving from The Time is Now to Help, paying her overdue rent and two more months, her overdue utilities and two car payments, along with gift cards for food and other daily necessities, she cried more tears of gratitude and relief. Her tears reminding us all how powerful our compassion and assistance is to those in need during life's most difficult moments.

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Please help to continue our mission of poverty relief by donating to the Spring Family Legacy Matching Grant. We are so blessed to have the amazing support of our matching grant providers and all of "You" who make our charity work possible!

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

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