

Dear W.C.,

My elderly mother and I have been struggling to keep up with rent and other expenses over the past few months. My husband passed away four months ago at the age of 68. Although he had many health problems in recent years, his death was still a tremendous shock to both of us. My mother always considered him more like a son than a son-in-law. There is not a day that goes by that one of us does not still break down in tears.

My mother is 88 and I am 67. We both live on Social Security. Since the loss of my husband, we have not been able to keep up with our rent because we also lost his Social Security income. Our lease is up next month, and our landlord has offered us a smaller, more affordable rental. However, this is only possible if we are able to pay the two months of overdue rent that we currently owe. He is not in a financial position to forgive the rent, and I do not know how we can come up with that amount, even if we were to skip meals and medications.

Our church told us about The Time Is Now to Help, and my mother and I felt hopeful after hearing about the assistance you have provided to others. If you are able to help us with this overdue rent, it would mean more to us than words can express.

Dear Readers,

When I called the woman who wrote this letter, I soon found myself speaking with both mother and daughter on speakerphone. I learned that the daughter had been caring for her husband through several years of illness. While I had assumed the mother had moved in because she needed help with daily living, I soon discovered that this spry 88-year-old had actually been helping care for her daughter's husband.

These two women shared not only the bond of mother and daughter, but also a deep love for the daughter's husband. During our conversation, it became clear what a special, kind and loving man he had been.

After the passing of her husband, this woman and her 88-year-old mother have been doing their best to manage on Social Security alone while also carrying the weight of grief. Along with the heartbreak of losing someone they loved so dearly, they now face the very real fear of losing their housing.

Together, we reviewed their combined budget, and I found that they would indeed be able to live comfortably in the lower-priced rental. I also confirmed with the landlord that the arrangement he offered was legitimate. We agreed to pay the overdue rent as well as

the first month's rent for the new rental. Moving into the smaller, more affordable rental will help make their future housing costs and other living expenses more manageable.

The landlord breathed his own sigh of relief and shared that he had been deeply distressed by the thought of having to evict two women who had always been good tenants and who had already endured so much over the past year.

With The Time is Now to Help paying their overdue rent, and several other necessary expenses I found when reviewing their bills, this mother and daughter now have a chance to move forward without the additional strain and worry of a pending eviction.

Thanks to the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 Matching Grant and your compassion we continue to make a meaningful difference for our neighbors facing unexpected hardship. At a time when grief and financial strain feel overwhelming, your kindness and generosity bring comfort, stability, and renewed hope.

Please help to continue our mission of poverty relief by donating to the Spring Family Legacy \$50,000 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!

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