

Dear W.C.,

I have been told by numerous people to contact *The Time is Now to Help* for assistance with what I am going through. Four months ago, my husband passed away unexpectedly. We had only been married for two years and had never imagined needing to plan for life insurance or funeral expenses so soon. I am currently six months pregnant with our first and only child.

This loss has been devastating both emotionally and financially. My husband was the primary provider in our home, and I now find myself struggling to keep up with everyday expenses. I just returned to full-time work this week after being released from bedrest, as I had nearly lost the baby. The stress has been overwhelming, and each day seems to bring another overdue bill.

My landlord has tried to be understanding during this difficult time, but he is now insisting on a rent payment that I simply do not have. After nearly four months without income, I have exhausted our savings on funeral expenses, food, and gas for my car. I am praying you may be able to offer some much-needed advice and assistance to help me regain stable ground before my baby arrives.

Dear Readers,

I contacted this young widow and soon-to-be mother. Time was short to find a solution before homelessness was added to the already overwhelming burdens she had endured over the past several months.

After speaking with her at length, it became clear that she was doing everything possible to hold her life together despite unimaginable circumstances. She had returned to work as soon as medically allowed and was determined to provide a safe home for the baby she still carried while grieving the sudden loss of her husband. While this young woman was stronger than I had anticipated, even the strongest among us can be overcome when tragedy strikes all at once.

We immediately worked to stabilize her most urgent need, saving the loss of her safe housing. After speaking to the landlord and acknowledging that her apartment was the best option going forward due to its affordability and close location to her employment, we paid her overdue rent and two additional months to provide an additional buffer. Additional resources, food assistance, gas gift cards, and utility assistance also helped to ease the strain she had been carrying alone. I also added in some gift cards for future baby needs as the woman shared some concerns about those costs.

When I asked about family support the young woman told me that her own mother had not been part of her life for years due to addictions. Since the loss of her husband, she had begun to form a bond with her mother-in-law that was growing every day. She would be the family that this young woman needed. They also had joined a grief support group together, further enhancing their bond.

Because of your generosity, a young mother who feared losing everything can now focus on preparing for the arrival of her child instead of fearing eviction. While no amount of assistance can erase the heartbreak of losing her husband, your kindness offered something desperately needed during one of the darkest chapters of her life, hope.

Thank you for continuing to make it possible for us to stand beside those facing overwhelming hardship and remind them they are not alone. At a time when financial strain feels overwhelming, your kindness and generosity bring comfort, stability, and renewed hope.

We have nearly met 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!

Health & Happiness, Love & God Bless Everyone, Sal

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