

Dear W.C.,

In the past you helped my granddaughter when she was recovering from surgery. She is a single mom with a baby, and you were such a blessing to both of them when she was unable to work. I have been struggling for the past few months, so my granddaughter encouraged me to write this letter. I have never asked for help before and find this very difficult. I am 64 years old and thanks to all my costs of living going up I had to get a second job. My car broke down several times over the past two months and the repair costs took every penny I had saved for my rent and other bills. I was scheduled for some much-needed dental work as I am in constant pain, but I had to cancel the appointment because I cannot afford the dentist right now. When my granddaughter's lease expires next month, she will be moving in with me so we can split the costs of rent and utilities. That will be such a help for both of us. Until that happens, I will hope and pray that The Time is Now to Help will be able to help me, and I will not be evicted.

Dear Readers,

I contacted the granddaughter we had helped in the past and she confirmed everything her grandmother had stated in her letter. The granddaughter updated me on her own situation, and she confirmed she was looking forward to moving in with her grandmother and no longer having to worry about her grandmother's risk of eviction. The granddaughter told me she had been notified that her rent was increasing to an amount she would be unable to sustain in the budget we had made with her. Due to an increase in expenses over the past year, moving in with her grandmother would be a necessity for both women to succeed.

The granddaughter reminded me of our past conversation over a year ago, as she told me about how her grandmother had raised her after her mother had passed away when she was a child. They were very close, and the grandmother helped with the baby when she was able, but not as often since taking on a second job. The second job was necessary but seemed to be taking a toll on her grandmother's energy and health, especially while in so much pain from her much-needed dental care.

I called the grandmother when she was in between her two jobs. After talking about her granddaughter and her upcoming move into her apartment, we went to work on her budget.

After a thorough review I saw where her costs had increased drastically over the past year. I also reviewed the car repairs she had done and saw how they had taken all her income for over a month. I understood why she had them done as her car was her lifeline for her ability to work, but it had come at a great cost to her finances.

The ability to share her rent and utility costs with her granddaughter would make all the difference in her budget. For now, we would get her caught up on her delinquent rent

payments, her overdue utility bills, and provide her with dental care. With this helping hand up we would remove the constant stress and pain she was enduring. The grandmother cried tears of relief as she anticipated how our assistance would change her life for the better. She apologized when she had to end our call and get herself ready for her second job of the day, but not before thanking us profusely for the help we were going to provide.

Six weeks later I received a phone call from the grandmother and granddaughter. They both were crying tears of relief as they now shared an apartment, and all the costs that made it so difficult for them to get by in the past. The grandmother was especially grateful to be able to eat solid food again and being able to sleep without waking in terrible pain due to her previous inability to afford dental care. Their lives were changed and vastly improved thanks to all of us working together.

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