

Dear W.C.,

I am a social worker at a local hospital and one of my patients needs help with finding stable housing or they will not be able to complete their cancer treatments. This patient has really touched my heart as they are only in their forties and have been too sick to work for some time. When they lost their job, they also lost their apartment. I have never asked for help for one of our patients before, but I have exhausted all other forms of assistance before turning to The Time is Now to Help. Please consider this patient for your assistance program so they can proceed with their surgery and treatment plan and hopefully return to health.

Dear Readers,

I contacted the social worker to discuss the patient in need of our assistance. She had obtained permission from the patient to discuss her case with me and share what information she had. I learned little more from the social worker other than the information already shared in her letter of request. The patient was homeless and also struggled with unreliable transportation. Both these problems would have to be corrected for her to continue with her life-saving treatment plan. The social worker was able to share with me the patients' name and phone number so I could contact them direct.

Since I did not have an address and did not know where the patient was currently living, I hoped they had a working phone number. I was relieved when they answered their phone and did not assume I was a spam caller. I knew time was of the essence so she could get settled and begin her treatment plan. We got right to work finding a solution.

We spoke for a very long time as the woman shared with me her difficult life, the loss of her only child and both parents, and a painful divorce had plagued her. Now she was facing cancer while living in her car. This was not acceptable, and we together would make sure she could safely face her treatments, not while living in a car.

The social worker had been guiding the woman with other applications for assistance and thankfully some of those were going to be able to help soon, but not for a few months and that would be too late to halt the progression of her disease. She had found a friend that would let her stay at her apartment if she was able to help with the rent. This would be a great alternative for the patient until housing and other assistance became available, especially since she could move in immediately. She would have a stable place to live, and the friend's apartment was close to her medical care.

I suggested she call the friend so I could confirm the details and the approval of the landlord before we would go forward with our assistance. We added the friend to our call and after her confirmation we also called the landlord. The landlord approved this situation so I confirmed we would provide the patients portion of the rent payments for the next four months directly to the landlord. Both women were relieved to the point of tears as this would help the friend as well as the patient for the coming months.

I asked about her transportation difficulties, and we discussed her car. It needed some repairs that we could provide since it had low miles and would be able to provide her with the reliable transportation needed to get to her treatments. We also would provide gift cards for gas and food, and a new bed to complete her assistance. The patient was so relieved she would be able to get through this difficult time thanks to all of "You". Without our assistance she would not have been able to receive the lifesaving treatment and surgery she so desperately needed.

We continue to pray for this woman and a return to full health. Thank you for making this assistance and all our poverty relief efforts possible. Thanks to your compassion and generosity, remarkable things are being accomplished for those suffering in poverty.

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