

Dear W.C.,

I am a case manager with Family Services. I have been helping a single mother with four children for the past seven years. I have done all I can do to improve this family's quality of life. One of the children was born with a special condition that makes her unable to move any part of her body except her head and fingers. She is now a teenager and cognitively she is just like every other teenager you may know. She is wonderful, witty, smart and kind. Unfortunately, she and her family live in poverty. Her only means of independence is her wheelchair that has a special joystick that she controls with her fingers. It allows her to go to school and move around the house on her own. That wheelchair is now much too small and breaks down repeatedly, stranding her and requiring her older brother to carry her around the house or lift her into the car while they wait for a repair or a rental chair. While I have been able to find some funding for this family in the past for household expenses like rent and utilities, I have not found anyone to help fund a new wheelchair. She is not eligible for a new chair for several years and they cannot afford to purchase one on their own. With her mother being a single parent and unable to work full-time, and minimal child support being provided, the things that could drastically improve this girl's quality of life are completely out of reach due to the poverty they live in. I have applied and appealed to so many other organizations and people who proclaim to help others with their philanthropy, but not one has come to the aid of this deserving young lady and her family. I thank you for reading my letter and considering this amazing young lady and her family for assistance from your charity.

Dear Readers,

I contacted this case manager and reviewed the work she had already done with this family, but there was so much more that needed to be done to improve all of their lives, not just the daughter confined to her wheelchair. That is where she hoped and prayed The Time is Now to Help could step in. We spoke for a long time about this young woman and the difficulties she faced every day with grit and determination.

The case manager shared with me what was needed. With donations at their lowest this year I knew this would be difficult, but not impossible. With our wonderful donor family, I knew I would have to ask for help, and so I am asking. If you would like to contribute specifically to the needs of this young woman, please note on your donation for the "Special Family" and we will put 100% of your donation towards their many needs.

Among the things needed to improve this special family's life are a new wheelchair at the approximate cost of \$15,000. This chair would provide the comfort this young woman has never had before with the ability to tilt her chair, change elevation, and be specially fitted just for her. This wheelchair should last for many years as she is now done growing. New beds for the whole family as they are very old and worn. A wheelchair accessible van to allow her to accompany her family to school events and for her medical care.

We have already helped with food, toiletries, school supplies, clothing and household necessities. This assistance alone has brought tears of relief for this single mother as she is able to provide these basic needs without worry for the first time in a long time. I received a message from the case manager, and she stated, "Not one person was willing to help until today. Your phone call has given me renewed hope for this family and so many other families."

That is what we do together. We renew hope when there feels like there is none. We remove the physical pains of poverty and step in when others turn away. Thank you and God Bless You for your support that makes this assistance and all of our poverty relief efforts possible.

Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, Sal

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