

Dear W.C.,

I have struggled due to a physical disability my whole life. I am 42 years old and was living with my mother until she passed away last summer. My Mom taught me a lot of things I needed to know to live on my own, but she died from a heart attack unexpectedly and didn't have time to get everything in order. I am trying to afford the house we rented together on my own, but it is too much for me on my income. Mom only had enough money saved for her funeral. I am an only child and the only other family member I have is my grandmother who has dementia and is now in assisted living. I fell behind in my rent already and have talked to my landlord about letting me out of our lease early. He said he would do that for me, and he is using the security deposit to cover this month's rent, but I must be out by the end of the month. I am so afraid. I do not have anywhere to go and do not have money for a security deposit. Please help me.

Dear Readers,

When I first read this letter, I questioned the woman's disability and limitations. When I met the woman, I understood more the limitations she was born with, not ones she put on herself.

I met the woman outside her rental home. Since it was such a nice day we sat outside to talk as she told me she was not comfortable allowing a stranger in her home. I soon learned this was one of the many things her mother had taught her as she knew one day she would no longer be there to protect her daughter from potential harm. I told her this was excellent advice from her mother.

As we talked, she became less wary of me, so we were able to work together effectively planning for her future. I learned about the wonderful mother that had guarded the woman throughout her life, and the neglectful father who had not wanted to be part of her life. She shared with me the financial position she had been left in. The mother's plans for her daughter's future had not been completed in time. Now it was up to the woman and I to put together a plan that would help her stretch her funds to meet her current financial needs.

I put together a budget for the woman, including all her expenses. If we could find her a small handicap accessible rental, she would be in a much better position. We discussed her ability to work a part-time job as she did drive and had her mother's car that would need a minor repair that we could provide. The woman seemed excited at the prospect of working once again as she told me about her past work experience. These few days a week would be enough to help her budget.

Over the following week we both searched for an apartment and were lucky to find one that would be available just in time. The rent was something she could afford, and it had the accessibility she required.

Thanks to our assistance with first month's rent and a security deposit, the woman is now moved into her new apartment. The woman was very emotional when she left the home she had shared with her mother for many years, but she also cried tears of gratitude for the assistance we provided. She said, "I was afraid I could not do this on my own, but you believed in me and made me feel I would be alright. I am no longer afraid of becoming homeless or hungry thanks to you."

Thank you for helping us remove the fear of poverty for this woman and so many in our communities. Please donate at this time as all your donations will be matched by the Fall 2024 Helping Hand Up \$50,000 Matching Grant, doubling your donation. Thank "You" and God Bless "You".

*Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, Sal*

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