

Dear W.C.,

I have been struggling for the past six months. I was hit from behind on my way to work by a hit and run driver six months ago and it has significantly affected my life. I had a broken leg and a head injury from the impact. I am finally able to get through the day without debilitating headaches, nausea and dizziness. I was in the hospital for ten days. I am seeing light at the end of the long recovery tunnel only to find I am about to be evicted. My car was badly damaged, and my insurance did not cover the value of my car. I used up all my savings so as of two months ago I have no funds left and my landlord has run out of patience. I have lived in this apartment for five years and cannot afford any other rental. I am finally able to go back to work next week. I will start out part-time to see how I do, and if all goes well, I will be working full-time in a few weeks. I don't know what I will do if I am evicted, and transportation remains a difficulty since my car is not safe to drive. My utility bill is very overdue, and I do not look forward to a future utility disconnect as this bill will be impossible for me to ever catch up on. I have read many of the columns on your website and I am in awe over what you have done for others. I pray that I may be one of the people whose life is restored thanks to your charity.

Dear Readers,

I contacted this woman to see what we could do to help. After the usual introductions, the woman shared many more details than were in her letter of request.

We spoke about her life before the hit and run accident and how things had drastically changed. She was in her late 40's and the only family she had was her elderly mother who lived in a nursing home due to dementia. She had always worked and supported herself since her divorce over ten years ago from an abusive man. Her life had been devastated both physically and financially by the hit and run accident. That driver had never come forward nor been found. The woman looked forward to a return to work and again earning an income. It would take a few weeks to earn enough to cover her monthly expenses. I would confirm this and her employment history with her employer before we provided any assistance.

Together we reviewed her budget and expenses. She shared with me the eviction letter her landlord had given her the week prior and we went over the amount due to bring everything up to date. I carefully looked over her utility bills and other expenses. I made a plan that would allow her to stay in her very reasonable rental, pay off her overdue utility bill and provide an additional amount for the future bill, and we would provide a used car to give her safe transportation to work. With the addition of gift cards for food and gas our plan would be complete.

The woman began to cry over the relief she felt. For the first time in months, she felt the burden of pain and stress taken off her shoulders. She finally said, "Now I know how all those people that you have helped truly felt. I feel an overwhelming joy and like a weight has been lifted off me. Thank you for all you do." Thank you to everyone who supports our charity work and makes all our assistance possible.

We are honored that the Family Foundation has chosen to begin a new matching grant, the Family Foundation 2025 \$40,000 Matching Grant. We hope you will take advantage of this matching grant as your donations will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling your donation and the assistance we will be able to provide. Thank you!

Health & Happiness, Love & God Bless Everyone, Sal

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Prayer Chain: The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia

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