

Dear W.C.,

I was in a car accident two months ago while driving my friend's car to work. I had to borrow her car when mine broke down and I was afraid of losing my job. I was hit by an uninsured driver and my friend's insurance has a high deductible that I am trying to pay. I missed a lot of work anyway due to an injury from the accident and because I did not have any transportation. Now I am in worse shape than I would have been if I had not borrowed her car and just stayed home from work to begin with. My own car needs a lot of repairs, and the tires are bad. My hopes of saving up for its repairs are gone until I finish paying for the deductible so my friend can get her car fixed as well and get out of debt with my landlord. A lady at work speaks very highly of The Time is Now to Help and she told me about how you had helped her with her car repairs when she had been down on her luck. I am praying you are the answer to my prayers.

Dear Readers,

The requests for car repairs and transportation assistance are at the highest level we have seen. With so many jobs and livelihoods dependent on reliable transportation we have been working tirelessly on these requests and there continues to be a long waiting list for good used vehicles. In this week alone we have repaired six cars for single mothers and working poor families.

When I called the woman, I knew she needed a car repair and rental assistance, but I would find there were a few other areas she was in need of help as well. We would all work together to get both her and her friend the helping hand up they needed.

While I looked over the paperwork the woman had included with her letter, a quote for the car repairs for her car, the accident report, the payments made towards the deductible on her friend's car insurance, and a late notice from her landlord, I asked the woman additional questions about her situation. As I took notes the woman answered all my questions in detail. The woman had put all her income and her small savings towards paying the deductible so her friend could return to work, causing her to fall behind in rent and other expenses. She also let me know how the loss of transportation had affected her friend's income and job attendance as well.

I put together a list of assistance required for each woman and asked for the friends contact information so I could confirm her needs. After reviewing the quote she had received for her car repairs, and noting the age and condition of her vehicle, I made arrangements to get it in for the required service immediately. It also would receive new tires and some overdue routine maintenance to be sure it provided safe, reliable transportation going forward.

The next area we would help with would be to pay her overdue rent and pay an additional month to help her get back on her feet. Gift cards for food and gas would help her budget even further as I learned she was a single mother with two young children and the mother had been forced to cut back in food and other daily necessities to try and stretch every dollar.

We added her friend to our call and went over her situation with her car now repaired from the accident, but still in need of several repairs the insurance did not cover, we would provide those as well. We would provide additional gift cards for food and gas for this single mother to help to ease her strained budget caused by the lack of transportation. Both women were crying tears of gratitude as I told them about all of “You” and how you make our good works possible.

Please donate at this time as all your donations will now be matched by the Family Foundation 2024 \$40,000 Matching Grant, doubling your help provided to remove the pains of poverty in our communities. This matching grant will allow us to continue our good work by preventing homelessness, hunger, and suffering. Thank “You” and God Bless “You”.

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

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