

Mr. Rainey:

We are submitting for your review and consideration relevant information on our family as we are in need of immediate assistance. We were referred to Space Center Rotary Club by John Nugent. We met with John and he thought you could help. Therefore, I am submitting this as we have been asked to do so for others such as Interfaith caring Ministries, Lighthouse Christian Ministries, Catholic Charities and The Society of St. Stephens Outreach Ministries.

Enclosed along with this letter is:

- * How we found themselves in this situation & where we are now - which will continue on the next page
- The illnesses and current work situation - separate page
- A list of the agencies we have contacted and received help from to date - separate page
- * Income and monthly expenses - separate page

My husband and I left both of our jobs over a period of time from 2003 & 2006 respectively to take care of both sets of ill parents, all now deceased. After years of taking care of others, we are now physically and emotionally ill. Due to our own health issues and with savings depleted, Jay, now 60 years old is not really employable and Helen is self employed with very inconsistent income, the last of which was earned in September, 2014. There are numerous medical and hospital bills to be paid and we really need a great deal more medical treatment to get back on our feet. In addition to these bills, several more have gone delinquent including the mortgage, utilities, car, insurance and taxes to name a few.

We are living in a house, (my childhood home) which requires substantial repairs, including electrical, plumbing and exterior renovation, (rotten wood, garage falling down, front columns are in poor condition, needs paint, broken windows and mildew/mold). In addition, monies are needed for groceries, gas prescriptions, and general daily incidentals, etc.

We are good Christians and patriots, having supported ourselves, as well as giving to others for many years, have quite frankly been very reluctant and embarrassed to ask for help. We do not have any children or other family to turn to for assistance.

In the last 11 weeks a little over \$3500.00 was raised through Gofundme.com, (mostly through various social networks) in small denominations from both friends and anonymous donors; however it has been over three weeks since the last contribution was received. Additionally help has been sought through United Way and others, only to be told we do not qualify for one reason or another. A full list of those contacted is provided on a separate sheet. The most help so far has been through Dr. Les Garb, MD of UT Physicians Clinic in Houston, our longtime primary care doctor. He has a social worker that has been trying to help with aid in order for him to be able to continue to give treatment, which he has not been able to do for a number of months, other than renewing prescriptions; this he cannot continue to do without both of us going through more extensive tests.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your kindness and consideration in whatever advice and assistance you and Space Center Rotary Club can provide.

Respectfully,

Helen M. Banks