

Recipient Testimonies



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So about a month ago, I met this single mom. She told me she's 41 and has two boys; 7 and 3, and that she's going through a divorce. She was clearly pretty upset and being mindful of her feelings, I asked her if she wanted to talk about it.

She went on to explain what a douche her ex is, and how he never did anything throughout the marriage. He never even picked out her birthday gifts - his mom would do it for him.

Just listening to her talk about her marriage made me feel so bad for her... not only did she have to take care of two young boys, she was also responsible for a grown man who never pulled his weight in any way, shape or form.

She said she finally had enough and moved out, and she's taken a sick leave off work because mentally, she's just overwhelmed with life right now. Her ex doesn't pay a cent of child support and she can't afford a lawyer to make him pay. Legal Aid doesn't see this as an emergency either. Her sick leave pay covers just enough for rent and as she was telling me all this, I could see it in her eyes, and hear it in her voice how exhausted she was.

... if she hadn't already had a break down, it was only a matter of time.

So I told her I run a food charity and that she'll be getting a July meal box, which would include milk, eggs, meat, butter, cheese, and a bunch of other great things.

Immediately she burst into tears.

The reason I'm telling you all this is because when women finally get the courage to leave, the reality is, many of them cannot afford to live on their own... whether they're working or not.

I would like to keep giving this woman a meal box every month, and I would like to keep giving meal boxes out to many other families who are struggling right now and need to know that someone cares.

If you are in a position to sponsor a low-income family in Barrie with an August meal box, please send me a PM.

Now, more than ever, the struggle is real.

