

Dear Wilma,

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I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and in good spirits. I am glad to hear you recovered from your recent surgery.

I am a single mother of three young sons, ages 9, 8, and 4. I am employed at McKee Baking Company, also known as Little Debbie's in Arkansas. I have worked full time since the separation of the children's father. It has almost been three years that I have been on my own. I receive no child support or any kind of assistance. Times often become difficult, but somehow we seem to pull through.

A few weeks ago I came down with strep throat, therefore I missed three days of work. The following week we were on vacation. Needless to say I received only a ~~three~~^{two} day check to pay my rent of \$250.00, electric of \$119.00 and water of \$40.00. It is not often that I ask for help from anyone unless I absolutely cannot do it myself. I am a proud American Indian and it is very difficult to bring myself to ask for help with anything. When the welfare of my children is concerned I shall do what I have to ~~do~~ do to take care of them. I went to the Cherokee Nation office in Jay, Okla. to ask for assistance in helping pay my bills so that I could get caught up and back on my feet. Before I