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Hi dad, before you start reading this you might find that I've already sent it to you as I didn't know which email you are currently using whilst in Adelaide so if this sounds familiar don't bother reading the rest.

Anyway what I'm going to ask you I didn't really want to, but I didn't know what else to do. You've probably already guessed, but what I need is money.

I'm not asking for any particular amount I'm leaving it up to you. That's if you decide to help me. The reason why I'm asking is this - since the break up of Carlos and myself I've found it a little bit difficult to manage my financial affairs. Although I've got some control over it now I've fallen a little bit behind. Although I know I will eventually catch up - with Christmas just around the corner and Carly starting school next year (which is not that far away) I don't think I will be in a comfortable position to manage.

The the kids seem to coping well so far with the break up, but I feel Christmas is going to be very difficult for them so I would like it to be as stress free as possible so I don't have to deny them things (nothing extravagant) because I'm stressed about money.

I've got myself a little temporary job, which could become permanent which will help me a little, but only if I catch up with my other bills. Please don't think I'm irresponsible and that is why I'm in this position. I've been more than responsible but as you can understand the bills, food etc. really haven't changed much in the amount I have to pay each week but I now have to pay \$300 more to cover my rent. With the amount I get on my pension and family payment it is very difficult. Although Carlos gives me \$500 a month in maintenance this all has to go towards rent plus I've got to add another \$300 which I didn't have to pay previously.

I know it is not your problem and please don't say "you should've thought about this before you broke up". I shouldn't have to stay with someone who was taking away so much of my emotions and almost making me feel that life isn't worth it, just to pay the rent. I want the best for my kids and being miserable all the time I wasn't giving them what they needed as developing children.

Please understand and please find some compassion instead of skepticism when making your decision. As I said earlier it is totally up to you if you help me and then if you do how much you give, but to give you an idea of where I'm at I'm about \$200 behind in rent and I've still got to come up with another \$300 in two weeks. I've also got about \$200 - \$300 in outstanding bills.

You're probably saying "WHAT" right now but it is not as bad as it seems. The people I owe have very patient with me but I just can't pay them without having to sacrifice something and unfortunately the only thing I can sacrifice without putting myself more in debt is food. I can't do that to my kids and if I do I know Carlos will start trouble.

I'm just starting to feel good about myself again after 5 years of put downs from Carlos and I don't want him to have any excuse to bring me back down again. If sees that I'm struggling he will make me feel bad and not look on the bright side. Carlos can't help anyway he's got financial difficulties himself although he's in a better position he can pay his. But as I said I can't ask him, it will only make things worse.

Please understand and please help me, not just because I'm your daughter and you love me but for your grand kids as well.

Here from you soon  
Love me

