

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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Dear Honorable Nikki Haley

I am in dire need for your help, I moved to your great state of SC Jan 2011 from NJ ,I thought it would be a great place to raise a family and with friendly people. ,I will tell you my experience in SC, I moved with my 4 grandchildren my daughter Vanessa was still back in NJ she was fighting cervical cancer ,when she received what we thought a great news she beat this monster she came to Lexington, this where we lived .

My grandchildren are bi racial and the 2 boys having Asperger's Kendra, Jaylen and Zoe were called the N word and Jaylen was called retard because of his disability. Jordan my oldest one I am raising to, is my other daughter's son also got spite at and also called retard . Where we lived he was hell on earth I am also helping shelter dogs to get out alive and I set up transports, contact rescues in the north so they getting a second chance on life, . ,We own dogs what for me is also family, my neighbors opened the gate and let them out and called Animal control or, one time they hit an small one over her head My car what was brand new around this time was brand new got damaged .The police got called many times one time the police told me we dont need people like your here in SC go back to NJ,he said this after he saw my grandchildren.

Around this time we found out that my daughter Vanessa was not free of this monster cancer , with all the treatments we received and my daughter's cancer

I had to keep on going and not losing hope. I had to be the best grandmother for my grandchildren and let them know not to lose faith in God because he will never leave or forsake us, even in my inside I was hurting so much and got no help here. With no family or friends and being treated like an outcast I was hurting so much. I could not give up I had to stay strong and hold on my faith, my friends back in NJ/PA my family in Germany, I came to America Oct 1982 I was married to an abusive husband for 11 years I had the strength to take my 2 girls and got out no more being abused, no more being afraid that he would come again and beat me and put a gun into my mouth and playing Russian roulette no more. I made it in a country who was not my homeland but my strength got us through this. I got myself through college worked for the Army and I loved my work. 2005 I had a bad accident at Fort Dix NJ, once again my life depended on my faith 2007 I could not work much longer due the accident I had 2 years prior. My strength and faith could us through again like before. We started to make arrangements to move and leave NJ and slowly we thought SC would be the perfect place to call home I was wrong

I am also an survivor and my deep faith in God always got me through, until the awful day 11-15-12 when my daughter Vanessa lost her battle to cervical cancer, I lost my child only 29 years old I am an cancer survivor but cancer took her away from me and her 3 children. My daughter saw the abuse of her father, she got raped when she was 14 years old and 9 months later she had an sweet beautiful baby girl Kendra Yes from the rape she choose to keep her she was a good mother but the rape did some damage on her. For a while she got on drugs and she had an life what was not pleasing but she was my child, 2 1/2 years later she had another baby an sweet boy Jaylen Her life got back in order no more drugs and she finished high school with 2 children, she worked even went to college, she said Mom you are my Hero and your strength and courage is an example for me ,

The day I lost my daughter (her 3rd angel day anniversary is coming up) I lost my life to, I gave up, a piece of me died too. Yes I went into a depression it was hell for me to get up every day, I was angry at God he could had healed her, I had survivor guilt because I beat the monster but my daughter lost her life to this monster I became angry, lost, and a feeling of helplessness, I or better we had no help here in Sc. I had custody of my grandchildren, and I did everything I could do but I was so angry because I lost my child the worse pain for an parent ever. Had financial trouble and so much more. I stop living and if this was not enough when I got custody the rapist who raped my daughter had to give permission that I could get custody of Kendra My daughter died in front of her 2 girls and both girls suffered, Zoe also lost her father to cancer so she lost both of her parents she only has me now. Kendra never knew that she was an child of rape she had to deal with the lost of her mother and now this, she

became angry against everyone ,she started to hit me and run away with and 15 year old boy, Once again this family suffered and we were treated like outcast on top of all Kendra became pregnant 3-19-14 she gave birth to an beautiful sweet girl Vanessa Hevaeh she is such an little blessing such a beautiful girl. Still I was hurting so much and when I ask for help to find a grieving group nothing ,Now I cleaned when ever I felt like it, the dogs were inside I let the children do whatever they wanted to do ye sis was a mess and on top of all I felt down and broke my legs into 2 pieces. back end of Jan 2015 I asked for help the help was they called DSS an hey took the children I was left alone with an broken leg and no help I was told to get on with my life, the children were screaming and I promised them that I will be ok, God will not forsake us I would do anything to get them back this was in Feb

I am going now to a grieving group, also go to an mental fancily to talk moved away from Lexington and moved to the country Batesburg. People here are wonderful, treating me with kindness I do everything I was told to do, The only thing is I need to get 2 more bed rooms to build on Looking for someone for can do this looking to get a loan because I live an an small budget I do anything to get the 2 rooms build on. I got my strength back and faith I am not angry much longer and blaming myself that my daughter died, I am still hurting I miss her so much and this will never change as a mother who lost her child.

I also need to tell something else who is awful and hurting. Jaylen was a mother boy he was always here for his mom even in his young age he made sure she was ok after she died he world came apart remember he has Asperger and he saw his Oma this what they calling me is grandmother in German is suffering so much . Jaylen will be 14 on New years day did something awful i never thought he would do he ye she did hurts his little sister Zoe who is now 11 years old .I had no idea I am sorry I did not know He is not an bad boy he was hurting so much an dleft the anger out on his little sister

Kendra who is 17 and her baby girl who is now 19 months are in a group home in Spartanburg ,Jaylen i sin Columbia Zoe is with people who was my daughters friends, Jordan who will come home becalms he will turn 18 next week is in Pelion all children are still gone and all wanted to come home, we missed birthdays, holidays and the lost time we will never get back Yes (I am guilty of giving up after I lost my daughter to cancer, yes I am guilty to missing my daughter an dis almost destroyed me and Yes I am guilty of loving my grandchildren and I want my family back home. Jaylen gave his life to the lord and he is feeling so bad what he has done, he asked forgiveness and he is sincere ,They all wanted to come home we are family who had suffered so much .Also I found out that Kendra and the baby will leave the group home in Spartanburg they will get relocated to Charleston into another group home this

means she has to change High school and quit her place of employment and when she finally comes home she has to change again high school Kendra is hurting so much she wants to be home with her family she starts to show her hurts, she is such a good Mom The children are smart, good children they don't need to suffer much longer, I want them to grow up showing respect to others, kindness and being good citizen of America, and most of all loving the Lord. I want to show them that no matter what you can get up and go on there is always hope you have to believe and stay positive. No matter what lives throws at you get up and go forward This family has strength but this family needs to get reunited again .Like I said I always will miss my daughter and yes I do cry because I miss her and this will never change. But I got myself together ,I am begging you for help please can you help us bring this family home don't let another holiday go by when the hurting family is apart, we will never get this time back I also know what Jaylen did was so so wrong and hurtful I knew I was hurting this way even by my x husband after we got away from he he followed us and still beat me and tried to kill me . We had moved in one year 3 times so he could not find us, He could not destroy me but the death of my daughter almost did , I got myself together but I need help, kindness, compassion to get this family home the children suffered so much and Kendra is hurting .From the bottom of my heart as a mother to a mother please I am begging you can you help this family and bring this family together again? Please can you help me?I promised my daughter that I would take care of her children she trusted me losing her is the worse pain I ever had i rather being beat by my ex husband again than this pain. Please I am begging you have mercy help this family let them(us) be a family again, I know I have to get 2 more rooms build on I will get it done I will please help us stop the pain help me to get my family home. I know you are very busy and so many people in SC are in need due the flood so I am sorry . I can't give up on my grandchildren I don't want them to grow up and think that their Oma gave up and the children will grow up without hope.A world without hope ,love, forgiveness,kindness is not a world I want to bring up my grandchildren, We all need hope and love no matter what and this what I will give my grandchildren. I am an survivor and I am a grandmother who need help to get her family home. I will find someone trustworthy who is able to build the rooms so the children have their own bedrooms ,

I am not perfect , but I love my family and I am so sorry for gave into an depression after my daughters death, I am back now strong, and hopeful that someone how I will receive some kindness and compassion her in SC and my family will be reunited again , No more holidays without this children

Please,please can you help me??

Thank you and God bless

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