

To all the ladies of Assisthers,

I want to first say thank you! Thank you for the amazing service you are providing in your community concerning an issue that sadly is not receiving the attention it needs by our federal, state or local governments. You are beautifully compassionate and inspiring.

I recently asked one of my very best friends what was this organization she seemed to be devoting all of her time? After listening to a brief outline associated with the basic profile of Assisthers, I left her to her work and went to my office. Being me, I started my research by finding your website and was completely captivated by not only the service you were providing to the sisters of your community, but more by my thoughts surrounding the social issue that has forced an organization like Assisthers to exist.

I started to imagine two beautiful souls who spent many years loving and supporting each other in every phase of their lives together. I saw one of these two souls left without a partner and having to face life for the first time alone, and as the time line of life would have it, also left with no one to share in the physical and economic issues of later life. Not to mention, being surrounded by a less than accepting government and society.

Our company lost money on the two of us that day. You see, I ran back to her office and bombarded her with my questions. We spent hours...where I sat amazed at her passion for this organization, for the board members, the volunteers, the clients and also trying to help me, a compassionate yet ignorant outsider, understand the social struggles associated with the issue. I have to admit, to my surprise I did not leave her office that day filled with sadness as expected. I left excited! I was excited that an organization like Assisthers is proving my theory right.

You see, I have for quite some time had a little theory concerning social evolution. A belief that is not so very popular with the main stream of our society. However, I'm sure each of you can relate to having unpopular, unaccepted ideas. I believe that we have evolved to a point on the evolutionary chart that I like to call the stage of pretending, which is exactly where we are today. The stage prior to this was....well....let's just call it the PHALIC stage, where the so called leaders of our government could not and would not see past their own personal needs or beliefs. We evolved to the pretending stage after enough of us; ladies like yourself and

compassionate individualist young writers screamed loud enough that the world started to listen or at least pretend to be listening. They now realize we vote! They now realize we earn! They realize that we are active in our communities, which in turn...creates more votes. Because of this...the majority is, at least in front of the media's cameras, pretending to portray acceptance.

My theory is that another step on the evolutionary chart exists. I believe our society will eventually evolve to love all individuals, regardless of their social preferences. I believe we will evolve to a point in which each person will not only make their own opinions, but will love and support their neighbor for their opinions also. How do we achieve this? I believe that you and what you are doing here at Assisthers is the ANSWER! The service you are providing will change the way the world looks at themselves and those around them. I believe that if those of us, with current unpopular beliefs; diligently portray compassion towards all individuals that the close minds will open.

The emotions and character each of you possess, which lead you to make that first contact, the first step in saying yes..."I will help"...is the emotions and character so much of our world needs to embrace. Your amazing and unwavering compassion to serve will plant a seed in the young minds that will soon be making the policies within our governments. The influence of your compassionate service is far...far more important than any headlines that ran across today's news real. Your devoted example is the answer to changing the world. So, I guess what I'm saying is that you should be proud that you are not just mowing a yard. You are not just bringing groceries to a friend in need. You are not just simply listening to someone who needs to be heard. You are shaping the future, for compassion is contagious and *will* spread. You ladies are the answer!

Sincerely,

Danny M. Simmons