

This is a special Thank You,
to many Friends I have yet to meet.
You don't know me, but
I know you very well. You have
never seen me, yet I have seen
you many times in the faces
of my Children. Although we
have never physically come in
contact with one another, you
have touched me and my
children in such a way that I
will always remember and be
eternally grateful. Who am I?

I am [REDACTED] a 44yr
old mother, and you - well you
are called Dollar Energy. Two
little words, but oh the power
you bring with you.

You have the power to
bring heat to a very cold house
and warm a needy family. You
have the power to heat a
cold meal, to fill a hungry

belly. Because of you and your unselfish giving we who need you so desperately, have been truly blessed. Our lives, just as your's son at any given minute, by circumstances out of our control be forever changed. Eight years ago this happened to me. One morning I was a wife, a mother of three small children fairly healthy or so I thought; with an average income and I payed my bill in full on time every month.

The next morning, I was a single parent of three small children, on a machine to sustain my life and awaiting a double lung transplant.

Its very hard in a

situation like this to know
where to turn.

Try as you might
every month your income
become less, your reserve is
at -0-. What do I pay this
time - Do I get the medication I
need to live, do I buy the
pair of shoes my 9 yr old needs
because his toes are coming out of
his and snow is on the ground.

do I buy an extra loaf of bread
in case one is not enough for the
week?

Do I pay the rent this month
or the gas bill, or the electric
bill or do I just put them
all in a hat and draw one to
see who gets paid.

What was always so
simple has now become messy

difficult. The company who always
sent on your bill you are
a valued customer, now send
you letters to cancel your
services. I didn't ask to be a
single parent, I didn't ask to have
my income go away, I didn't ask to
be very ill. But here I am in
a situation that is not going away.

What do I do? Where do I
go, and who can I turn to?

And then a friend told me
about you. There are no words that
could ever convey the deep gratitude
I carry in my heart.

I appreciate all you've done
I Thank You for helping me in so
many meaningful and important ways,
for sharing with me your gifts.
And I thank you for making a real
difference in my life.

My children are all
grown up now, my youngest is 21.
I have had Two Lung Transplants.

one in May of 1993 and
again this past April 29, 1997.

You have been with me
through it all. You've feed me
and kept me warm, you made
it possible to have a little money
left over to afford necessities, not
luxuries. You've made a terrible
situation tolerable. I pray
that you will never be in so
dispirit a situation, but if this
ever comes to you and your family
I pray that someone will come
and Bless your lives in the
same way you my Dottar Energy
family have Blessed mine.

P.S. I was going to TYPE this letter
but I thought if I were going to write to a
friend I would simply sit down and write a letter
so, to you my TRUSTED Friend who has seen
me through it all, thank you!