



Dear Friends, Family and Partners-in-Ministry:

It is with great joy that I share with you our great opportunity to eliminate \$1M of medical debt primarily in Shelby County and surrounding areas. Part of the mission of The Way Church is to be an oasis of hope for the community. One of those vehicles for hope is outreach. Outreach is one of the pillars of our church and this allows us to help those in the 38106 community and neighboring regions. By eliminating this debt, we will give struggling individuals and their families a fresh start.

Giving and sharing are the basis for our Christian responsibility, and as the scripture advises us: "to whom much is given, much is required" (Luke 12:48 AMP). God has a plan for everyone and everything - that includes you! None of us can fully know God's plan; the best we can do is pray and listen for clarity. Our church leadership has been doing just that and we are excited to announce our latest project.

We refuse to be aware of this reality and idly stand by while waiting for someone else to step in and solve this problem. Statistics show ***17% of all adults in America struggle to pay their medical bills. Even with insurance, 26% of all Americans said Healthcare expenses have taken a serious toll on family finances. With that being said, 42% of all adult Americans took an extra job or worked more hours to cover medical bills, 11% of whom turned to charities for assistance.***

Our church is committed to investing in the 38106-zip code and society as a whole! I personally believe with this fundraiser we can eradicate unpaid medical debt and improve the financial well-being of the community at-large. However, we all know that this may be a daunting task. We have been charged with a great assignment, and my prayer is that you will serve with us through your participation and generosity.

Some of the specific areas of needed support are as follows:

- Make a donation- no donation is too large nor too small. All donations help us reach our financial goal. Tracking of donation can be viewed by visiting:  
<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/twmc/>
- Forward information to your contacts
- Participate in our raffle give-away details are posted on all social media platforms:
  - Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: TheWayMemphis

All donations are accepted with thanksgiving and appreciation. Our heart is to have impact, but not without integrity. Our church does have a 501c3, and we are willing to provide each of our financial partners with a detailed description of how the raised funds are utilized. For additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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***"Medical debt destroys the financial stability of America's most vulnerable communities: the sick, the elderly, the poor, and veterans. It also targets the middle class, driving many families who are barely getting along into poverty. Medical debt isn't the result of bad decisions but "It's a debt of necessity."***