

ACCL BACKYARD STORIES

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Alphosine Nadode has lived in Lowell Massachusetts for about ten (10) years. A single Mum who was looking everywhere for financial security, but was suddenly hit by the Corona Virus pandemic popularly known as COVID-19.

A woman full of life and expectations was suddenly down with no sense of hope, all because a medical report on her indicated that she is positive to COVID-19.

This news broke her down completely while keeping her kids away from her for fourteen (14) days of mandatory quarantine as a precautionary protocol to the COVID without going for work. 'O my God, how would I take care of my kids?' She exclaimed!

The response was so terrible and she saw herself getting more and closer to the gate of death as she was languishing on her bed of afflictions. She never imagined that her kids could be strong enough to give her encouraging words that could move the mountains of pain and fear away.

She lamented with surprise just after 3 days her fate was restored as she started taken her medications, and vitamins with regular exercise, and also put her faith to work. And before she realized, things were fallen in their proper place as far as her health condition was concern, and was getting better and better until she was finally free from the horrible effect of the COVID-19.

Despite all, life after the Covid left her with hardship because she lost her job and she had no one to turn to. It was then that she remembered she has a community that she can open up to for help. She did that and through the community, her rent was paid for her. Other assistance including food were also provided for her.

Assuming she had not opened up what do you think would have been her fate? Your guess is as right as mine! She therefore urged everyone to engage in the community so that we join hands to build our community. Lowell is a great city as any other city in the United State. We yearn for greatness but we have to rise up and build, and stop the spread of COVID-19. Again, we must rise up and stop all forms of abuse to restore human dignity both at home and at our various work places.

Even though, we are living in trying times where all facets of human life has been affected by the COVID-19. Nonetheless, in the gloominess of this is the beauty of life when look at life with the eye of faith and hope; for hope makes not us to be ashamed.

The best is yet to come!

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