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Fast Food Worker

My name is Kelly, I am 47 years old, and I am a single mom to two daughters – 21 and 7. I have a Bachelors, but I have had to settle for fast food work because it gives me flexible hours so that I can be a good parent.

I have worked at the same place as a cashier for eight years, but I still only make \$9.35 an hour. I work with a lot of other middle-aged women with kids. We all work for a big corporation that makes billions of dollars in profits while we depend on public assistance.

My family has Oregon Health Plan, and I get a day care subsidy for my daughter. As a tribal member, I also receive \$130 a month in assistance. I rely on all of these to make ends meet every month.

If I got a raise, I would love to buy a home. But right now, I feel very hopeless and doubt that will ever happen. I would also prioritize getting dental care, buying a reliable car, shoes for my child, and emergency savings. I would also love to have internet service.



From the Desk of
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