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I made a lot of money before I ever had kids, planning to never be a poor parent. But I ended up poor anyway. My kids and I moved approximately 14 times in 14 years mostly because of bad landlords. One landlord said "pay the rest of your deposit and I'll leave you alone." I gave her \$1000 provided by emergency assistance from the state of Oregon and the next day she evicted me. (I believe emergency assistance is no longer available but I don't really know for a fact). I did not owe her a dime. I have been evicted several times but not for lack of rent, although that has happened also. You've got to give time for people to get it together, you know people don't have money and time these days. And if you care for children you have to help their parents. Landlords only care about profit they don't care about people and I don't think that corporate landlords should even be legal. There should be a person available to every single tenant, not a giant corporation.

There's not enough good that you can do for tenants, because there is no social Safety net. The social safety net is laying on the ground at the bottom of a cliff. My kids went to at least six different schools and got a lousy education. I was never a perfect parent but there is no such thing. You've got to help parents especially single parents. They should be resources available to them .

Please don't do to other kids what Landlords did to my kids, thank you,
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