

A little voice said: Hello, This is Barbara Case from Compassion in Action, I understand you need some help. Wow, God is that you? I was dying of SLE (lupus) the worse kind, and Thalasemmia and an entire list of diseases -was denied by social security many times (I mean REALLY? Just how dead do they want me to be before they approve my disability). My husband had stage 4 cancer...He was dying at the VA Hospital. I had both of his daughters living with me as their mother was hospitalized. We were a middle class family that had gone through our life's savings-our pension monies, as we lost our jobs due to illness... AND - EVERY governmental agency failed us. No food stamps (help we are starving...we have minor children and no income) proper proof provided... No. I am desperate for Medi-Cal for myself and step children...NO. Barbara Case and her husband came by and gave us a big turkey. We ate everything...even boiled the bones!! And got us all of the services we were eligible for: food stamps, Medi-Cal. She and her husband were at my husband's funeral- and with me in friendship and partnership every day since. Compassion In Action was not only instrumental in my permanent disability,(something a lawyer couldn't get done) but the approving judge sent his disdain in a letter to the other judges who passed "declined" judgments. It was blatant that their "denied" decisions were cruel and unjust.

The story has a happy ending. I lived to breathe another day, thanks to the selfless, endless work of Compassion in Action. 2004...10 yrs after my first "Permanent Disability" claim - denial after denial. Attorneys could not get this moved forward. My congressman, David Dreier, didn't want to get 'involved'. But a little tiny woman named Barbara Case, took up the cause and saved my life. 2004... COMPASSION IN ACTION won my case. Compassion is really a life line to us who are in a dark, deep hole of despair. Sick, dying, afraid, hungry, no medical attention for terminal illness...and the little hand of Barbara Case reaches in and pulls you up to the light. God? Is that you?

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