

I was left medically stranded after experiencing a steroid induced coma. I didn't know what to do or where to turn. I had been denied SSI, even though I was physically and financially left with no way to take care of myself. The stress of it all was almost unbearable. Knowing that I'd be sick and on the streets if I didn't get any help soon, a friend of mine attended a health fair and returned with a flier from Compassion In Action. I called expecting a minimal to no help at all. I spoke with a woman named Barbara Case who was the director and founder of CIA. When our phone call was over I wept. Finally someone believed that I was as sick as I was, and was willing to help me. Barbara walked with me through the SSI process. She took me to see doctors. She helped get me the immediate help I needed financially. She even help my get back payments of finances that were due me by other agencies. Most of all I felt she held my hand and treated me with dignity and with true compassion. Sometimes I felt that I was her only client.

To be treated so awesomely, I thought she couldn't have very many clients. Well, when I was well enough to attend a CIA function and I saw the many people whom she had helped and they all felt the same way about her as I did, I realized that this woman was truly a gift from God. Barbara Case and CIA saved my very grateful life.

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