



COMPASSION IN ACTION-USA



## Mission Statement

*Compassion In Action – USA is committed to providing personal advocacy services without cost to our community members who are struggling with a health-related crisis. We will provide assistance to each person until they have received the medical services and disability benefits they are eligible for so that they may live in dignity.*

### WHAT WE DO

*We provide advocates to assist the low income seriously ill through the process of acquiring Social Security and SSI Disability. Please call us at (909) 599-2087 for further information or assistance.*

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## Spring 2006 Issue

### Letter From Our President:



Compassion In Action – USA welcomes you! We continue to be excited about the work we are doing. We have amazing clients who never seem to give up hope, even when the odds are against them. We are networking with extraordinary organizations in communities throughout Southern California who help us serve the “Whole Person”, ensuring that those we serve do not lack basic services.

As of January 2006, I have taken on the role of Executive Director and am now working full time for Compassion In Action – USA: enabling us to strengthen our infrastructure and better serve our clients. This has been a huge step for this organization, for myself and my husband, Phil. It has been scary to step out in faith and believe the funding will come, but nothing good comes without taking risks and leaps of faith!

Compassion In Action – USA generated over \$30,000 in grants and donations in the first 5 months of 2006 alone, more income than the entire year in 2005. We thank all of you for being a part of this success. On page 3 of this Newsletter we have included a complete list of all of our Donors. We could not continue servicing our communities without you! We would like to acknowledge the two most recent funders of grants to Compassion In Action - USA:

We Care America	\$19,451.00
Wells Fargo Foundation	\$ 6,000.00

Current priorities of Compassion In Action - USA are the development of our Board of Directors and our Volunteer Program. Please call us if either of these areas are of interest to you or if you would like to recommend a community member. We value your input!

Once again, thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and love!

Barbara Case

## *"In Their Own Words"*

Your support is vital.  
Please send donations to:

Compassion In Action – USA  
1205 W Cypress #193  
San Dimas, CA 91773

501(c)3 Non-Profit EI# 61-1422369  
*All donations are tax deductible*

Please call (909) 599-2087 to place  
your donation on a Credit Card

PayPal Donations can be made on  
our website:  
[www.compassioninaction.us](http://www.compassioninaction.us)

### **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

If you are interested in  
becoming a volunteer with  
Compassion In Action -  
USA, we have numerous  
places for you to serve and  
we will train you:

Advocacy Specialist  
Research Assistant  
Event Assistant  
Office Support

Please e-mail Mike Gechter:  
[volunteer@compassioninaction.us](mailto:volunteer@compassioninaction.us)  
or call: (909) 599-2087  
For more information

**A Big Thank You to our  
2006 Volunteers!!**

Kimberle Kelly	50	Hours
Linda Reyes	17	Hours
Patricia Richardson	15	Hours
Amanda Knight	12.5	Hours
Elena Richardson	10.5	Hours
Elizabeth Bogarin	10	Hours
Jackie Martinez	9.75	Hours
Vivek Charu	9	Hours
Beth Kashenberg	8.75	Hours
Janet Harrell	8	Hours
Sharon Daggett	8	Hours
Stacey Jackson	8	Hours
Carmen Nunez	8	Hours
Khryste Langlais	8	Hours
Carole Lamm	8	Hours
James Sanford	1.5	Hours
Elizabeth Duran	1.5	Hours

**Total as of 5/1/06 193.5 Hours**

*(The following is a "Success Story" as told by one of our amazing clients,  
Mary Ann. See additional testimonials from our clients on our website  
[http://www.compassioninaction.us/links\\_categories.cfm?sid=12](http://www.compassioninaction.us/links_categories.cfm?sid=12) )*

Hi, my name is Mary Ann and I am blessed to have been a recipient of the services of Compassion In Action - USA. When I met Barb, I was a physical mess and emotionally shattered without much hope. Compassion and Barbara proved to me that they are true to their mission statement. In 2001 I became disabled with a fungal disorder in my lungs, although I continued to work as long as I could. My body finally gave out - I couldn't even get out of bed to call for help. On January 18, 2002, I received a call from my employer announcing that I had been terminated. I filed for Social Security Disability some time in 2003 after exhausting my state disability and unemployment benefits.

I met Barbara in March 2004 and was existing on nothing and still really ill. Because I had exhausted my state disability insurance and unemployment, my rent was in arrears by four months. Barb more than compensated for my helplessness by taking over and making long distance calls to local agencies on my behalf. I was out of food, struggling to keep my utilities on, plus looking at possibly living as a homeless person. My future was bleak and depression set in firmly.

Barb got busy finding local assistance for me. She alleviated my stressors of not having food in the apartment and had food delivered. She spoke with the administrative managers about my every day bills and got them off of my back. With the help of my Congressman's aide, my bills were placed on hold until I could make them good. She was in constant contact with my landlord, updating him on my case and reassuring him that he would get his rent money. Moreover, she contacted my Congressman's office who in turn spoke with my landlord.

Barb and her husband Phil drove 4 hours from San Dimas, CA to escort me to my court appointment in front of the Administrative Law Judge in Fresno, CA on October 10, 2004. My disability claim was approved two weeks later. I was awarded back pay from when I got fired on January 15, 2002.

Saying "thank you" will never ever be enough payment to this humane organization and to Barb for her kindness, patience, and generosity in dreaming her dreams and utilizing her empathetic and compassionate nature.

*Mary Ann*

### **Compassion In Action - USA Statistics as of March 1, 2006**

Founded in June 2002

Received 501(c) 3 status in November, 2002

# of approved Social Security cases:	33
Average monthly income of clients at time of Intake:	\$94.96
Average monthly income of clients at final decision:	\$1005.12
# of months from Intake to final decision:	3.4
# of denied Social Security cases:	0

When you consider the statistics published by the Social Security Administration, which deny over 60% of clients upon first application and can take 3-4 years to render a final decision, Compassion in Action USA's statistics are nothing short of EXTRAORDINARY! That's what you can count on - extraordinary service with extraordinary results .

# Special Thanks to Our Circle of Compassion:

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