



Igniting Hearts



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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.

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Letter From Our President

Compassion In Action – USA welcomes you with the inaugural issue of our Newsletter, “Igniting Hearts”. As we move forward into a new era with our organization, we know this is a program that works. This has been proven with success after success in winning numerous Social Security and SSI Disability cases – all while working with our very limited part time volunteer staff. Compassion In Action – USA (CIA) is now on the brink of having a full-time Executive Director, more volunteers and advocates, and completing the creation of our Disability Workshops, which will teach you how to duplicate our success!

Compassion in Action - USA has been sustained financially and emotionally by many people and we are thankful and grateful for the support that has been received. As CIA moves forward over the next 12 months we will continue to need your financial support. In a strong effort to be self-funded, scheduling of the Disability Workshops will begin in a few months. These will increase the number of disabled who will receive benefits that will sustain them while they are unable to work. In addition, CIA will receive income that will allow us to continue our work into the future, expanding into other counties in California and then nationally. Our vision is to change the outcome of Social Security Disability claims from a bleak 60-85% denied to 100% approval for those who are legitimately disabled. The waiting time for approval of claims will be cut from 4 years to a maximum of 6 months. Many claims may be approved even faster. The disabled in our country should not be homeless, hungry, and near death before they are helped!

Thank you, again. We look forward to an exciting and successful future with all of you who have “Ignited your Heart” and reached out with compassion to your neighbors.

Barbara Case

Triumph Over Tragedy Jonathan Conder's Story

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Please send donations to:**

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Disability Workshops

Save these dates for
upcoming workshops:

January 21, 2006

February 18, 2006

Please call (909) 599-2087
For time and location

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
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For more information

One of the first calls Compassion In Action – USA (CIA) received was from a friend of the Conder Family. Jonathan Conder had been released from the hospital in January 2003, after a tragic auto accident seven months earlier involving a driver who was later charged with a DUI. Jonathan, a 21 year old student, had sustained Traumatic Brain Injury and would require long-term care for his permanent injuries. The Conders' private health insurance was exhausted quickly and Medi-Cal had been covering his care. Unfortunately, Med-Cal stopped coverage for his care when Jonathan was released from the hospital. CIA stepped in and restored the Medi-Cal coverage and services were restored within a week.

Jonathan is a true hero. His website www.jconder.com has the complete story, but we'll share a brief overview here: Jonathan came home to a hospital bed in his family's living room. Although he was unable to walk or feed himself, Jonathan did not give up. Jonathan has made great progress since January 2003. He now walks with a quad cane and has attended classes at Coastline Community College and High Hopes Head Injury Program in Tustin, CA. Jonathan proudly shared his high school graduation picture with Compassion In Action – USA President Barbara Case, and said his goal is to be that bright, healthy young man again. In our eyes he has surpassed that goal. Jonathan Conder is our hero !!

Compassion In Action - USA Statistics

Founded in June 2002

Received 501(c) 3 status in November, 2002

# of clients served:	125
# of approved Social Security cases:	20
# of months for final decision:	3 to 5
# of denied Social Security cases:	0
# of pending cases:	17
# of clients referred to other services:	88

Please compare the above Compassion In Action – USA stats to those published by the Social Security Administration:

60-85% Denied
3-4 years for final decision