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My name is Melody. Three years ago my life was turned upside down after an injury at work. I was forty- nine and had worked since high school. After almost thirty years at the same job I thought I was protected well enough in case of illness. While waiting for Social Security to approve my disability I went through many medical procedures and all of my funds. Soon I had no money of my own and after being unable to return to work I lost my benefits one by one. I became more and more depressed and hopeless. One night when I was at my worst Barbara Case from Compassion called and talked to me until I was alright.

That was not all. She took the time to help me do the necessary things to speed my appeals process. She called me often. Without Barbara I would still be waiting for a hearing. Instead I won an on the record decision and am now receiving my benefits.

The world needs more people like Barbara. People living in constant pain need help as it is without having to fight alone. I thank God for Barbara and pray that she receives all the help she needs.