

Hi,

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My name is Lisa. I was given Compassion In Action – USA's name and phone number by a close friend of mine here in North Carolina. I had called my friend with what seemed to be one of the biggest crisis' in my and my husband's lives. We had just found out that my husband's Social Security Disability was denied after we had been reviewed 6 months prior. My husband Thomas has been on disability since the age of 34 with congestive cardiomyopathy and upper lobar emphysema. His condition has only gotten worse since his diagnosis in Jan '02. I was so scared after his denial, since I was the one that filled all his paperwork out. I called Compassion all the way in California and they immediately called back. Their Advocate calmed me down to where I could finally breathe again.

Step by step they prepared us over the phone for what we needed to do, what paperwork we would need and how to proceed with filing an appeal. We called day and night over the course of the following 3 months, their kindness, patience and understanding always made us feel so secure in what we were doing. I know we couldn't have made it through all of this without their help. Compassion literally guided us through this step by step over the phone and through e-mails.

My husband's case was settled this July 12th and I'm happy to report that they reinstated his disability at the reconsideration level.

Our eternal thanks go out to Compassion in Action – USA and our *California Angels* for all they've done for us.

Many~ many thanks,

Thomas and Lisa

(Mooresville, N. Carolina)