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Dear Friend,

Pamela was an in-home care provider for many years until her health started declining after suffering a stroke. She was also HIV positive. "Before connecting with Positive Resource Center I was in denial. I had to first admit that my health had been deteriorating over the past 10 years. I had to come to grips with being disabled." Being unable to work, she had to rely on unemployment benefits. Since they only last so long, she came to PRC seeking information about receiving some form of disability insurance. Though she was very organized and conscientious, she did not know much about the process and needed support as she dealt with her health problems. With the support of her Benefits Counseling attorney, we were able to quickly get her onto State Disability Insurance. Pamela stated that the thoroughness and thoughtfulness with which we handled her case was a "wonderful surprise" and made her role in the process "less stressful" and "rewarding." Not only were we able to get Pamela's case approved for short term state disability, we also won her case for long term Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). These essential benefits will now allow her to keep focusing on her health and move forward in her life with reduced stress and anxiety.

Please help us to continue our work in advancing the lives of clients like Pamela and consider making your taxdeductible donation to Positive Resource Center today.

From all of us at Positive Resource Center, have a safe and happy holiday, and thank you for your support!

Brett Andrews Executive Director

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Travis is fifty years old with HIV and additional diagnoses of depression and extreme social anxiety. Prior to coming to Positive Resource Center, he worked for twenty years as a case manager in HIV services. However, after grappling with career burnout and the onset of his depression, he had not been employed in a few years. The difficulties of sustained unemployment led Travis to living alone in a single occupancy hotel, which caused further isolation from his peers.

Our Employment Services team worked with Travis on confidence building—both individually and in group settings—to normalize his interactions with others, as well as to overcome his social anxiety. "This place has given me hope to reinvent myself." After a three month search, he was hired by a non-profit agency to manage a program for seniors. With his new job, he is now able to move into better housing and feels he has regained stability in his life. "PRC has given me the confidence that in spite of my disability, I can do anything I want to. Working with them had a huge positive impact on my life."

Please help us to continue our work in advancing the lives of clients like Travis and consider making your taxdeductible donation to Positive Resource Center today.

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Happy Holidays from Positive Resource Center!

Thank you for all of your continued support! With your help, we are always ready to meet our clients' changing needs in many new ways. The first word in our name says it all. **Positive**. We make a positive impact on the lives of people that live with HIV/AIDS or mental health disabilities. We make a positive impact on their ability to receive benefits and find employment.

Please help us to continue our work in advancing the lives of our clients and consider **making your tax-deductible donation** to Positive Resource Center today.

From all of us at Positive Resource Center, have a safe and Happy New Year!

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