



ANTHONY



WA CARES WILL COVER ANTHONY'S LUPUS WHEN HE NEEDS CARE.

I was a normal 19 year old going to college. I was playing basketball with friends, enjoying life as a healthy young man. But all of a sudden, I started experiencing extreme fatigue, inflammation, and pain in my joints. **I was diagnosed with Lupus**, a condition so severe I had to be treated with cytotoxin chemotherapy.

There were worries in the back of my mind. How would I cook for myself or even walk to the bathroom when my ankles and other joints become too painful to move?

Thankfully, I'm still working and living completely independently. But my condition is unpredictable. Some days I'm 100 percent. Other days the joint inflammation in my foot is so bad I can't even walk my dog or go to work. Some days the pain in my hands is so severe I can't hold a pot or cook for myself. I've been experiencing these flare-ups off and on for the past 20 years, and I know it's going to get worse as time goes on.

1 in 5 people have a preexisting condition, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, or Lupus, like me - and WA Cares will pay for what we need.

Knowing I'll be able to stay in my own home, even when my condition gets really bad, and get the Lupus support I need, gives me so much relief. Help is on the way for those of us with pre-existing conditions thanks to WA Cares.