



DANI NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D BE THE ONE WHO NEEDED CARE.

I went in for a routine medical procedure when I was 30 years old. I came out of the hospital with permanent paralysis on the left side of my body, and will use a wheelchair the rest of my life. Our son was just two.

When you are young, you can't imagine needing help with basic tasks like dressing, bathing, making meals, getting around. I never thought I'd be the one who may need a caregiver someday, let alone paralysis support.

If Sam has to quit his job to become a caregiver for me, we'd have to sell our house and our savings would be non-existent. I don't know how we'd make it financially.

With my ongoing medical needs, we've realized that even really good health insurance doesn't cover long-term care.

We were thrilled to learn that Washington created the WA Cares Fund. It is a safety net to help working families like ours cover the costs of care needed - for paralysis support or other injury, illness, disease, or the normal limitations that come as we age.

Fortunately for Sam, myself, and other hard-working Washingtonians, WA Cares will be there when we need it!