

An AWS Community Service Success Story

A parole agent asked Jo Ann Blackwell, Community Service Coordinator in York County, if she could assist one of his clients in getting the medication that he desperately needed. The agent explained *Barry had been homeless in the winter months and had frost bite on his foot after which gangrene set in. He went to the emergency room where they immediately amputated his leg. The hospital began the process of obtaining Medicare and Medicaid for Barry, but could not get anything done before he was released.



The hospital sent him home with a prescription; however Barry did not have insurance or the ability to pay for his medication. He did not have family to help him. He was in so much pain, it caused his blood pressure to go sky high and become unmanageable. The Alston Wilkes Society called the pharmacy and they were told that Barry needed both pain and blood pressure medications because the pain was causing his blood pressure to stay elevated. The agent transported Barry to the pharmacy and AWS paid for the medication. Barry was very grateful that AWS was able to ease his pain and get him back on the path to self-sufficiency.

*Name changed for privacy.