

Hope for the Future



Some of life's most challenging dilemmas are often filled with heartache and pain. Facing challenges alone leaves many feeling without hope.

Barbara Craddock recently needed the help of someone who cared. At 62 years old, she faced multiple challenges. Not only was she diagnosed with stage four breast cancer, but she also faced the dissolution of her marriage of 21 years due to mental and emotional abuse.

She lost her minimum wage job as a childcare worker and was in danger of losing her efficiency apartment.

A Bay Area Legal Services' attorney represented her in the divorce, and Mrs. Craddock was awarded support and benefits. She was able to maintain her household, keep her apartment, buy groceries and gasoline, pay bills, and not worry about health insurance to cover her future cancer treatment.

"I now have a new life, a life of freedom I never thought possible. Bay Area Legal Services gave me HOPE and the power to believe in myself," Craddock said. "Bay Area saved me from homelessness ... and saved my life."