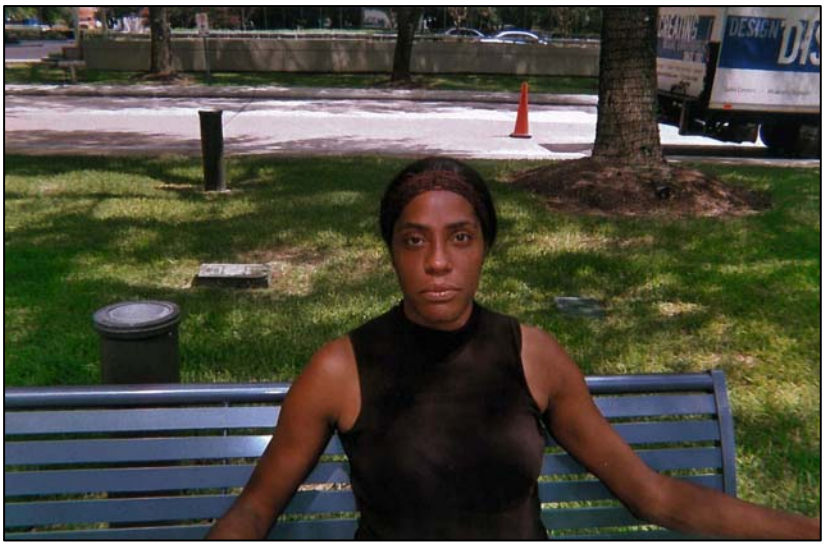
Felecia Jones

2009 BLF Recipient



Felecia is a single mother of three children and has gone from a healthy young lady to a not-so-healthy young lady within a year. She has incurred numerous unforeseen challenges since becoming a single mother; nonetheless, she has maintained her strength as "Mother." But on February 18, 2009, Felecia fell ill. She had a near-death experience within a couple of days of entering the hospital. What was initially thought to be a simple sore-throat, flu-type illness, actually turned out to be strep throat, which churned itself into a horrific bacterial infection. The bacteria rapidly consumed her entire body, causing fluid to surround her heart. Resulting from the fluid, additional illnesses crept up that caused her body to go into cardiac shock. While the doctors continued to diagnose her with an unknown "obviously" untreatable "viral infection," her body started to deteriorate. I intervened and made a special request to have my daughter relocated to a better hospital where they started massive doses of antibiotics to treat a "bacterial infection." Her condition started to improve within an hour of her arrival, but every day following that was traumatic.

Felecia has incurred many problems as a result of her illness, namely neuropathy in her hands and a very severe case in her feet that makes her unable to wear shoes for any length of time. Also, her mental capacity is not exactly where it should be at this time. We are hoping and praying for a miracle and that, in time, all will mend as she is a very bright individual. Prior to her illness, Felecia always maintained steady and continuous employment in the legal field, and I hope that those days will return soon.

At this time, Felecia is still being treated with many medications that were prescribed by her cardiac and neurologic physicians. Prayerfully, in time, this nightmare will be over and some normalcy will return to her life.

I appreciate the foundation accepting my daughter as one of your recipients this year, and I hope to have a better report for you this time next year. Thank you very much and always know just how grateful we both are for people like you.

Sincerely,
Delores J. Knight