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Dear Whom ever it may concern,

My name is Carlene and I weight 360 lbs. I am hoping to have gastric bypass surgery. I am 51 years old and I spend more time in bed than out because I'm to heavy to move my body. I have been overweight all my life. It's a problem that runs in my family. I have tried every diet I could find to to try. When I was in school I can remember being in tops and weight watchers, I remember the doctor giving me diet pills and my parents wrapping them in bread because I wasn't old enough to swallow them yet. I did not have any friends and every body teased me. I hated school.

I married at the age of 22 to a man who was 10 years older than me and was a drunk. I had two girls which was perfect for him because when my oldest daughter was 11 he sexually molested her. I kicked him out and raise them myself.

I started going to college, but had to stop when my oldest daughter ran away from home with an older man, who was abusing her (she was 15 years old) I have never worked a job because of my weight, but I did a lot of volunteer work, I worked as a medic on an ambulance until I could not do it anymore because of my weight, I really liked this work and was very good at it. I've saved a few life's.

I am a member of the YMCA and have been for at least 12 years, I try to go to water aerobic 3 times a week. So I do try.

So what I need is some help, I am on SSI disability and the Oregon heath plan will not pay for the surgery. I was on the web about 2 month ago and signed up for a program to help me find grants it cost me \$2.99. Two day later they charged me \$39.97, then it was 9.99 est. est..... It ended up costing me \$360.00 in the end. My daughter helped me get it all straitened out.

So what I am asking is please help me to find a way to have the Gastric Bypass surgery so I can become a productive member of life.

Sincerely,
Carlene Bray