

## 2nd Place United States

My name is Sherry C., I am 46 years old and I have a lot of serious medical conditions; too many to write about. My cardiologist, endocrinologist and family doctor all recommended that I get a medical ID bracelet. I took their advice and I'm so glad that I did, because the bracelet saved my life! I have hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), and whenever my sugar drops, I have diabetic seizures. These seizures resemble epileptic seizures.

One day, I went grocery shopping after I had just come from a check-up with one of my doctors. My sugar was a little low when they drew my blood that morning, but I thought that I'd be able to stop at the store and get some orange juice and get back home before my sugar bottomed out on me. I was wrong. I was only in the store about ten minutes when my hands starting trembling really bad. I tried to make my way to the check-out lane as quickly as possible, but I collapsed before I got there. I immediately started to seize. The cashier called 911, and the ambulance arrived in less than five minutes. When the paramedics came where I was lying, (there were two of them) they immediately assumed that I was having an epileptic seizure and called the hospital to get approval to administer an injection. While one of the paramedics was calling the hospital, the other one continued to take my vitals. When he went to take my pulse, he noticed the medical ID bracelet on my wrist. He turned it over and saw that I was hypoglycemic. He then poked my finger and checked my sugar; it was only 34. He told his partner that I was having a diabetic seizure and not an epileptic seizure. He then administered a glucose injection, and within a few moments, I was better. If they had given me an injection for epilepsy, it would have killed me, because of my other medical conditions.

I thank God that I was wearing a medical ID bracelet! It literally saved my life! I recommend anyone with a serious medical condition to get one. It really can mean the difference between life and death, and I'm living proof of that!

**Sherry C.**