

*Interviewer:* "You mentioned getting your bachelors degree and accessing food stamps and welfare health insurance for your basic needs... So has getting your bachelors degree eased that burden for you? Yes, no, or maybe something in between."

*Faith:* "Uh, I don't know, because you know what, Kelly? I think that I went to school to accomplish these degrees for a self esteem measure. I don't know. I've had people ask me 'Alright Faith, what you going to do with this degree?' and I was like, 'I have no clue. I just wanted to see if I could do it.'

And so now, what that looks like with the food stamps...you know, I'll be glad one day when I can pay my own health insurance. I'll be glad when I don't have to go through recertification every six months, taking my pay stubs...

They just cut my food stamps by about suddenly \$5. I get \$100 in stamps because they say I make too much. How was it that I make too much? I'm on a grant. I'm on a stipend. I'm not... I'm producing these things that say I make \$1,000 a month with one grant. I make about \$800 every two weeks at this other nonprofit I work for, right. I'm probably under their grant - I don't know. Right? How's that...? And, now you got to show all these pay stubs? I'd be glad when the day come when I don't have to deal with that - because it's humiliating."