

ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Wills for Heroes c/o Sarah Cline Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, P.A. 12505 Park Potomac Avenue, 6th Floor Potomac, MD 20854

Dear Sarah:

On behalf of the entire Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. ("RVFD"), I wanted to thank you and all of the Wills for Heroes volunteers for your efforts at our Department on March 28, 2015. The service that you provided to our members was invaluable.

As a result of your efforts, many of our members that could not otherwise afford to have a will prepared were able to do so. Additionally, a number of our members commented that the program encouraged them to have a will prepared even though they had not previously thought about the need to do so. Regardless of their reason for participating in the event, all of our members expressed great appreciation for it and those who were unable to attend are already asking about the next opportunity to participate.

The RVFD is a not-for-profit organization comprised of over 200 volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics who live in communities throughout Montgomery County and the DC Metro Area. By day, these volunteers work in our community as full-time accountants, doctors, computer engineers, police officers, Government employees, students, and more. But, by night and on the weekends, they selflessly serve our community as firefighters, EMT's, and paramedics.

Our volunteers have the same education, training, and experience as our county's paid emergency personnel. This means that when you call 9-1-1, you may never know that those staffing the ambulances, fire engines, ladder trucks, and rescue squads which arrive at your home are volunteers.

In addition to responding to emergency calls, the volunteers take an active role in our community. For example, our volunteers provide medical services at community events such as local races and festivals, sporting events, and graduations. They also host fire department open houses for local families, and staff events such as the Rockville Fourth of July Fireworks and Hometown Holidays Festival. Volunteers also pride themselves in bringing holiday cheer to our community by brining Santa Claus on a fire engine to children throughout the Rockville area and delivering toys to children living in homeless shelters on Christmas Eve.

The work of your organization helped these incredible men and women. And, for that, we cannot thank you enough. Please also express our gratitude to all of the Wills for Heroes volunteers that made the event possible.

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