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Timothy R. Carroll Executive Secretary Town of Chilmark Post Office Box 119 Chilmark, MA 02535-0119



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Dear Executive Secretary Carroll,

I write to thank you for the amazing service your lifeguards perform and to donate \$1,000 for their continued support.

My eight-year-old son Nathan and I were swimming at Lucy Vincent Beach on Labor Day this summer and got swept away in a riptide. We fought it but were unable to break free. I waived to the shore to my sister in law who immediately turned to the lifeguards. According to my sister in law the lifeguards - who had just arrived for their final shift of the year - were well aware and already up and on their way. Within no time Lauren and Lila arrived and towed me and my son to shore. What could have been an extremely traumatic and perhaps worse situation turned into a moment of gratefulness and thanks as well as a reminder of how dangerous the ocean can be.

My son and I are strong swimmers so the entire incident was an unexpected and unwelcome surprise. However, I have a renewed appreciation for the work of lifeguards (I was a pool lifeguard in college). I spoke to Ms. Mastromonaco the following day and attempted to stop by to see you and express my thanks.

Thank you for prioritizing lifeguards within a town budget that is surely strapped. It is my honor to donate \$1,000 to the town for equipment for the lifeguards. Please see enclosed check.

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