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‘THERE WHEN YOU NEED US’

Dear Residents of North Adams, Clarksburg, Florida, Monroe, Rowe, Williamstown, Hancock, New Ashford, Stamford, VT and Readsboro, VT,

On January 1, 2018, North Adams Ambulance and Village Ambulance Service merged into a single non-profit service, Northern Berkshire EMS (NBEMS) and Northern Berkshire Transport (NBT), respectively. This merger created a strong, financially responsible organization that provides the highest quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transportation services to Northern Berkshire and Southern Vermont. We are fortunate to have strong leadership and skilled group of employees that make these services possible. With operations based in both North Adams and Williamstown our 98 employees, 8 ambulances, 8 chairvans and support units answer nearly 15,000 calls for service annually.

The constantly changing healthcare landscape nationally coupled with decreased insurance reimbursements continues to challenge our industry nationally. In fact, many ambulance and non-emergency transport companies have been forced to close because of these factors. We pride ourselves in running a fiscally sound service. However, in order to offer the most up to date service, we must continue to make operational changes that are costly but necessary to meet the needs of the community. **NBEMS does not receive subsidies from any of the communities it serves nor does it receive any state or federal subsidy.** Our income comes solely from insurance reimbursement and the generosity of our community from our annual fund drive. Your support is important to offset our significant operational costs not covered by those insurance reimbursements.

Your donation is tax deductible!

Because of your past generosity, we were able to update our aging fleet, upgrade our stretchers to PowerLoad systems, and provide training opportunities to our employees. This year the goal is to replace one ambulance and one chairvan at a total cost of \$180,000. Your support is crucial in helping us meet this goal!

State of the art services, provided by dedicated, skilled professionals, are essential for the well-being of our communities and NBEMS is proud to provide those services. It is difficult to imagine the health consequences to the region if NBEMS was not available. In order to maintain the level of service that you have come to expect, the financial support of our communities has become increasingly essential. Every donation, no matter how large or small is important. **Those who contribute \$50.00 or more will be recognized as a Star of Life donor, the symbol that represents Emergency Medical Services.**

We are deeply grateful for your past generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Moulton, Jr., President
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