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Mr. Alan Himelfarb
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Dear Alan,

As County Commissioners, we take special interest in programs that serve our constituents, the citizens of Eagle County. In our vision statement, we state in part, "Eagle County is made up of thriving communities for families and is home to a vibrant workforce, with personal health and wellness achievable for all."

We have watched the growth of your nonprofit, Starting Hearts, from inception to what it has become today. In less than a decade, yours has become a leading advocate for health and safety here, and we wish to take this opportunity to applaud the wonderful work of your organization.

As we have learned from many stakeholders, Starting Hearts has been instrumental in free public education as well as increasing placements of defibrillators in many of our communities. Your work in the schools is unprecedented and we have heard from teachers and parents about unique aspects of your education such as comic books and individual awards to motivate our children. We've heard the words "innovative" and "transformational," words that express our hopes and dreams for this, our home.

We also learned that the density of defibrillators in our county is now one of the highest in the nation, no small achievement. We understand the power of your data-driven approach and a survival rate for Eagle County several times higher than our nation and state. These quantitative results speak volumes to the efficacy of your efforts.

Your work in Eagle County embodies our mission of, "creating a better eagle county for all," and we are grateful for the important work you do. Please consider this endorsement as recognition of our appreciation and feel free to share this with others. Thank you, Alan, and your team for all you do.

Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners

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Chair

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Commissioner

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