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Dear Friends,

The Williamsport Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Inc. has been providing fire and EMS services to Williamsport and surrounding communities officially since 1839. Our community and response area is very diverse and we pride ourselves on providing emergency services regardless of whatever situation our citizens and visitors find themselves in. One of the unique geographical features that we are responsible for is the Potomac River. It is our goal to provide quality and rapid response to emergencies on the river, just as we do on land. Unfortunately, we currently do not own or operate a rescue boat out of our station for these types of emergencies.

We have secured a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to purchase a boat for the purpose of rescue on the waterways in our area. This grant covers \$17,500 of the cost of the boat, however, the total cost is approximately \$45,000. We are seeking assistance from area foundations, groups, and businesses such as yours to help cover the other portion of this expense. We would be honored to accept any amount of donation to work towards covering the remaining \$27,500 that we need to pay out to secure the boat. Of course, any donation will be tax deductible.

When emergencies occur on the Potomac River in our response area, a response is required from other boats that are all between 20 and 40 minutes away. This has significantly affected the response to water emergencies in our area over the last few years. The 22 miles of the Potomac River between Dam 4 and Dam 5 is our primary response area. It is crucial that we have a boat to cover this stretch of river and areas of the Conococheague Creek and Williamsport area that could be affected by flash floods. The Potomac River and other waterways are used for fishing and recreation all year long, creating the potential for emergencies that we are currently unable to respond to. Your donation would assist us in filling the void in our ability to provide rapid and quality emergency response to water related emergencies. We thank you for your consideration in helping us fund this asset and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. We look forward to working with you.

Respectfully submitted,

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