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ATTN: Mr. Ted Sjurseth, President
America's 911 Foundation, Inc.
13630 Barnhouse Place
Leesburg, VA 20176-5460

RE: HURRICANE KATRINA

Dear Mr. Sjurseth:

It is with a humbled heart that I come to you in gratefulness for all the assistance you gave Washington Parish, and its residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I don't know what we would have done without you.

As you know, after the storm we were virtually on our own for a day or two. After the storm, downed trees closed every parish road. Once the deputies and citizens of the parish cleared the debris from the roadways, we focused on the necessities like food, water, and ice. I was able to make contact with other parish Sheriff's and got ice and water delivered two days after the storm. Suddenly we were inundated with truckloads of miscellaneous items that began to arrive from Missouri, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Texas and other points across the United States. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina would have been much worse without the dedication and the compassion of people like you.

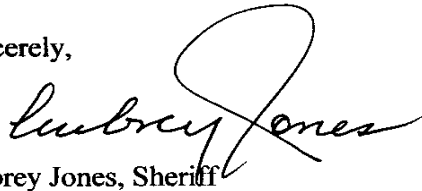
The possessions that we have are generally a tangible result of what we have invested in time and energy and talent. But who we are, our character is always a direct result of what we have invested of ourselves with God and others. And one of the great and unique promises of the Bible is that the more we give, the more we receive, not necessarily in material possessions, but in spiritual and eternal rewards.

The seeds of compassion are buried in the human heart, and when a need appears or tragedy strikes, those seeds grow to fruition quickly. Anyone with a sense of humanity is ready and willing to help another in dire need, share with him or her, comfort them, and just be with them.

Kindness is never lost; it keeps on giving from person to person until it returns to you.

I pray that God will bless each and every one of you that responded to our needs (Matthew 10:42).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aubrey Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Aubrey Jones, Sheriff
Washington Parish

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