

Members:

Over the years I have been impressed and excited with your Children's Christmas Gift Program. Every year I ask Tom to make sure I have the dates to be involved with this wonderful program.

I love children, and believe it is our duty to reach out and help them.

In 1995 we lost our 19 year old son Stephen, to cancer. In 1996 we found THE FRIENDS OF STEPHEN Verdicchio, a 501c3 that helped families with teens and children fighting cancer. We directly paid to telephone providers the family's phone bills while the children were undergoing cancer treatments. Over the past 17 years the Fund has helped hundreds of children.

Unfortunately, as the economy has declined, so have donations to support our mission. This year we have reached the hard decision that it is time to terminate the activities of this non-profit organization.

We are sending you a check drafted to the Rotary Club in the amount of \$323.84. It is our interest that this money be used only for the Christmas children gift giving program.

The Internal Revenue statutes note that a termination "transfer payment" must move from the closing 501c3 to another non-profit 501c3. The Friends of Stephen Verdicchio Fund accepts that you will dedicate this donation to children under your Christmas program. What better cause! I know you will do that.

I look forward to my shopping and wrapping this December.

God's blessings

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kathleen and Vincent Verdicchio
The Friends of Stephen Verdicchio