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Dear Friends & Family:

The purpose of this letter is to thank all of you for the generous donations to the Alex Archie Foundation and provide a quick update on the status and purpose of the Foundation. **At this time the foundation is already exceeding \$30,000.**

Over the last few weeks we have been working with various people to set up the Foundation both financially and legally. We are in the process of completing the paperwork to make it a permanent non-profit foundation. We want to honor Alex's love for lacrosse and his wonderful athleticism and sportsmanship. He enjoyed life and lacrosse and we want to make that a possibility for many more kids. By setting up a permanent foundation we will be able to continue to raise donations that will help this live on for a long, long time. We hope to accomplish this vision by funding the development and deployment of education and training programs aimed at youth and HS athletes, coaches and parents. We are in initial discussion with the Positive Coaching Alliance and other sports organizations of a similar mindset. We plan on using the donations to create annual scholarship awards to support Pomperaug Youth Lacrosse, Pomperaug High School Lacrosse and The Hill School lacrosse program. We are also exploring the possibility of running an annual college recruiting showcase – **The Brave Heart Showcase**, to help good college coaches find "diamonds in the rough" like Alex and many of his teammates who play for "new programs" which don't fall into the typical college coach's recruiting circuits.

In order to set up the foundation as a non-profit organization, we have had to complete more paperwork than anticipated. This has also delayed the opening of a bank account and therefore we have delayed cashing the checks. We should have all of this completed by the end of February and apologize to all of you for any inconvenience this may have caused. Once completed, we will cash the checks and also send you a letter with our tax ID # for your records. In the meantime we appreciate your patience.

Other exciting news - we have opened a PO Box for all correspondence and any subsequent donations (one step at a time as they say). We also plan to publish a periodic newsletter that will allow you to see where your donations have gone and that they are helping youth lacrosse. We truly appreciate your kindness and support. Alex would be proud to know that his life made an impact on the future lacrosse players in the communities in which he lived. We are grateful for your generosity in helping us make this possible. **Please spread the word!** If you would rather receive e-mails vs. regular mail, please send your current e-mail address to our e-mail below. As a practice, we plan on keeping all e-mails/addresses and any other information confidential.

Sincerely,

Tom, Lisa, Sam and Henry Archie

**New Mailing Address:**

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All donations should be sent to The Alex Archie Foundation to the address above. Thanks!

