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Reeve & Council Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 4905 50 Ave Bag 1010 Bonnyville, AB T9N 2J7

Dear Reeve & Council.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your donation to STARS. Because of your support, STARS saved my life.

Like many people across Western Canada, my family and I spend summer weekends at a cabin on a lake. The weekend my life would change started like any other with some chores around the lake. As I went about my sunny summer day, I began to feel dizzy, nauseous and had intense chest pain. I collapsed on the dock and as I laid there, all I could think about was my wife and two children. I refused to believe this was the end. I would later learn that I was having a massive heart attack.

With the help of neighbours and my wife Thea, a ground ambulance arrived. Luckily for me an emergency room doctor happened to be at the lake that day and knew that my best chance at survival included STARS, so he advised paramedics to call and request the service. After going into cardiac arrest twice and floating in and out of consciousness, I felt a jolt of electricity and heard STARS flight nurse, Crystal Lybeck, say "welcome back, Wade." I was transported to hospital, underwent emergency surgery and survived thanks to the quick actions of bystanders, local EMS and STARS.

With your \$12,000.00 donation, STARS is able to provide life-saving critical care, anywhere: on the ground, in the air and virtually. Today, I've recovered and I'm enjoying life with my family. We are all so grateful STARS was there for me that day, because of allies like you. Thank you!

Sincerely, Wade Cassidy STARS Very Important Patient





