

Thanks From The Heart

Words do not begin to express our gratitude and appreciation for the privilege of residing in this wonderful community for the past 44+ years.

Recently, Bill Winchester, loving husband to Heather and father was involved in an unfortunate bicycle accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. Bill is also a Captain with the Truckee Meadows Fire Department and an owner in our business, AIM, INC.

I am writing this today to publically thank the many people that make up the public organizations and staff at Truckee Meadows Fire Department, Reno Fire Department, Airport Authority, National Guard, Carson City Fire, Storey Fire and the many other fire departments' personnel, the Reno Police Department and Clergy of all faiths throughout our community who have come forward to support our son and our family.

Thank you to all Renown Administrators and nursing staff who provided care and compassion to our family during Bill's stay. Bill enjoyed joking with Eric Aguilera while being attended to by Eric with confidence, excellent care and compassion.

Thank you Dr. Demers for being open and honest with us and answering all of our difficult questions posed to you prior to and following Bill's surgery.

We wish to thank the many fire fighters and friends we had the pleasure of meeting personally. There is no way we can thank each of you individually, however, we are honored to have been introduced to many fire chiefs, captains and fire fighters who have worked with Bill. Joe Schum, a fellow captain and personal friend of Bill's at Truckee Meadows Fire was so instrumental and professional yet extremely caring and dignified during Bill's unexpected adversity. Joe's efforts to help us adjust to the situation as it occurred have been irreplaceable and it is truly a privilege to be in his presence and to get to know him the way Bill does.

The outpouring of support from all aspects of our community; professional, private and especially our public servants; their spouses, families and friends is truly phenomenal and needs to be recognized by

our fellow citizens for the very valuable asset we are lucky to have in our midst.

All of our personal efforts are focused and directed to Bill's recovery and rehabilitation. Heather and Bill's three boys, together with her family and ours, remain strong so we may provide additional strength and support that is crucial and instrumental in Bill achieving optimum recovery, rehabilitation and long-term success.

Reno is often referred to as "The Biggest Little City in the World". This experience has enhanced our perspective and we prefer to think of Reno as "The Greatest Little City in the World"!

Respectfully,

Heather and Bill Winchester

Suzi and Lysle Winchester

Julie Winchester Morin

Ardis and Dean Weible

Brett and Jenn Weible