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FIRE COMMISSIONER

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Ms. Fenton, Chief of Operations Cassano, Dr. Eliasoph and Friends:

It is with regret that I am unable to join you this evening for the Eve Fenton Love-All Foundation's Valentine's Day Gala Honoree Fundraiser Dinner.

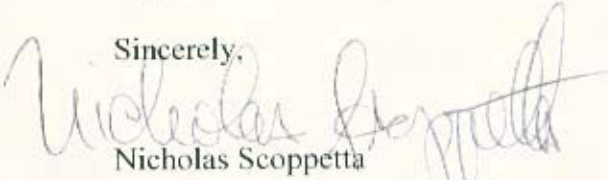
Only last year the inaugural dinner for the Foundation was held. It was a tremendous success. Many of you have returned tonight. Some of you are newer friends. All of you are to be commended on the commitment you have made to the Foundation and to supporting initiatives that will benefit children.

Tonight we honor the Fire Department's Chief of Operations Salvatore Cassano and Dr. Ira Eliasoph from Mt. Sinai. Chief Cassano has been a vital part of the FDNY for 36 years. As Chief of Operations he has the responsibility of the day to day running of both of our Emergency Medical Services, made up of 2,832 Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics, and Firefighters, who number 11, 220. Chief Cassano does this in a manner that appears effortless and seamless. He does it with dedication and passion. And, it came as no surprise to me when I learned he was to be honored this evening. Chief Cassano believes passionately in the well being of children. He will be a tremendous advocate for the Eve Fenton Love-All Foundation. I extend my congratulations to Chief of Operations Cassano and to Dr. Eliasoph.

The opportunity to pay tribute to two more people presents itself, Vicki Fenton and the memory of her mother, Eve, for whom the Foundation is named. How inspiring that a daughter honors her mother's memory through good works. There can be no greater tribute.

Please accept my warmest wishes for a great event and for your continued success.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Scoppetta

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