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Hello. My name is Carolyn Taylor and I am the current president of the Historic Emory Grove Rotary Club, (HEGRC), in Gaithersburg, MD. Our club is a satellite club of the Montgomery Village Rotary Club. The motto for all Rotarian is "Service Above Self." For the last two years, in association with the Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village Rotary Clubs, the HEGRC has co-sponsored a fundraiser and celebration for veterans and the heroes in our lives. We are grateful to all of you who participated in the past by purchasing flag medallions to honor your heroes. The event is usually held at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, MD during the Memorial Day Weekend each year. Due to the spread of coronavirus, the honorary flags cannot be raised on display at the Field of Flags this year. Though the event at Bohrer Park has been cancelled, we are requesting that our supporters please purchase medallions (with your name and the name of your hero) at a cost of \$10 or more to honor of your personal hero, veterans and first responders/front liners/essential workers. There are many heroes on the front line. We have felt the anguish and fear of thousands around the world. Are we able to put service before ourselves and help someone less fortunate than ourselves?

The purpose of this correspondence is to request your support of the Rotary "2020 Flags for Our Heroes (FFOH)" celebration. During this time when the world is battling Covid19, we must provide assistance to those persons severely impacted economically; the first responders; maintenance workers food providers; repairmen; mailmen; hospital and all medical staff; health care providers; road workers; attendants ... the list is endless. The funds we raise will continue to be used for these purposes with our support of non-profit charitable organizations. The needs of the people are great. The HEGRC has decided to give assistance to those local charities who are not receiving government funds or large contributions.

Will you donate to this cause? Instead of the usual \$50 donation, we are asking for any donation amount above \$10 for a medallion to honor your heroes. Children need food, the elderly need assistance to live in dignity. Therefore, a donation in any amount would be greatly appreciated.

We offer our gratitude and appreciation to all those who are now being recognized as being essential to the core of our existence. We encourage you to remember them as we endure this time of isolation and contemplation. Please be safe and take good care of yourselves. Thank you.

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