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*Dear Werner,*

*It was a pleasure working with you, in your position of Chairman of The New York Rotary Foundation, during my administration. The "Year of 9/11" will never be forgotten. You and I were in an extremely important position at a most vulnerable time.*

*You reacted immediately and decisively when we knew it was time to create a disaster relief fund in response to the many checks being sent to us. You presided over the formation of a disaster fund advisory committee and the election of members who could give the necessary commitment to make it work.*

*I spent many hours, on my computer, answering questions and encouraging contributors to put their trust in us so that we could help the "neediest" affected by the NYC disaster. With your help, we proved that trust as we researched, analyzed, made decisions and began to disburse the monies collected in a timely manner.*

*I am proud of the work we have begun, in response to this horrific tragedy, and will continue to work with the Foundation in my role as a member of the advisory committee. I also intend to continue to represent The Rotary Club of New York and The New York Rotary Foundation as I speak around the nation, about our successful 9/11 role, in response to requests from other clubs. We have certainly set an example to be emulated.*

*Sincerely,*  
*Helen Reisler*  
*President*  
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