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## Dear Fire District Community:

Thanks to the community's generous contributions to the Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Protection Foundation, our fire district has enhanced its rescue, training, and fire prevention programs to better serve your needs. We are writing now to invite you to make a gift to the annual fund to continue this progress. Your investments benefit each and every resident, business owner, and property owner. Your gift enables the Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) firefighters, paramedics, and fire prevention and education staff to respond quickly, effectively, and safely to the unique challenges of our district.

Your contributions help the fire district meet the needs of our changing community:

- Growing populations, changing demographics, and increased traffic on our roads impact fire district preparation and response.
- When the fire district expanded its services to all-risk emergency response in the early 1990s, it brought a new level of service to the community with associated requirements for training and equipment. For example, today we take for granted the presence of the WFPD ambulance. But it was only 1998 that the district added this nowessential piece of equipment along with trained paramedics on every fire engine.
- Hand in hand with all-risk emergency response is the district's focus on preparedness and prevention through its expanding public education and fire prevention programs.

While the foundation continues to raise funds to help augment the fire district's budget for equipment, training, and fire prevention, we now also turn our attention to our long-term goal of helping rebuild the district's aging fire stations. Built decades ago, the Portola Valley and Woodside stations no longer meet the needs of the district. The foundation will contribute to the preliminary analysis of our communities' stations as we plan for the decades ahead.

Please join your fellow community members in supporting our excellent fire district. We gratefully acknowledge our initial contributors on the enclosed donor roll. Donate today via the enclosed envelope or our website www.FireDistrictFoundation.org.

With sincere thanks.

Board of Directors Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Protection Foundation

P.S. Stay tuned for our 2nd Alarm Chili Cook-Off in fall 2013! Enc.