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Dear Paul,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of 17th Signal Regiment and Mr Darrin Gibson, I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your support in advertising the Darrin Gibson Appeal. Your assistance helped us in raising the profile of the appeal and made it a huge success. The money raised from the raffle and the auction together with the Darrin Gibson Trust Fund totalled to over \$100,000. A portion of the money raised was used to purchase Darrin's dream car, a Toyota Hilux SR5 that was presented to him on Sunday, 30 August 2009 at the Regiment's Birthday Parade. The remaining funds have been transferred to Darrin to further assist him in rebuilding his life.

Darrin made a short speech at the Birthday Parade stating that the generosity and support he had received throughout his ordeal was beyond belief and encouraged him each day to move forward. To ensure that Darrin continues to receive this support, he has been made an Honorary Member of the Regiment and will be included in future regimental events.

I wish to thank you again for aiding our cause in assisting Darrin and making our goal to buy him his dream car a reality.

Yours sincerely,

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