



Hi Ed,

December 11, 2019

I hope you and the family are doing well in South Carolina. Here in the north we have had two very rainy days and this morning we woke up to a slight coating of white fluffy precipitation on the grassy surfaces surrounding us. My husband and I are not fans of snow any more but because of grandchildren here we are..... not ready to relocate southward.....so I suppose we need to deal with the cold and the snow.

I am writing to you on behalf of the retired staff of the Oley Valley Elementary Center. You may remember that we gather every month or so for lunch. We meet at different restaurants throughout the year and each time we meet we pass a basket around the table at the end of the meal. We started this tradition several years ago as a way of celebrating the fact that we are retired and to thank the Lord for bestowing so many blessings upon us. We show our gratitude by placing a few dollars in the basket. This is strictly a voluntary act with folks giving what they feel they want to contribute.

At the end of each year the group decides where we will send our collection. In the past we have sent donations to The American Cancer Society, the Oley Public Library, Give Kids the World (in memory of my grandson, Nicholas), and Hershey Medical Center (in memory of Dean Hill and in support of his daughter). This year the group decided to send money to two worthy places. Part of this year's collection is going to the Oley Valley School District's Christmas project. This effort provides gift cards to needy families in the district to help them during the holiday season. Knowing how Carol felt about the children and families she worked with in the district, this is something we are sure Carol would have wholeheartedly supported.

In addition, in memory of Carol, we would like another part of this year's collection to be added to the Anchors - from Carol Foundation. Enclosed you will find a check for \$200.00. While this check is drawn on my personal account it is money from all of those who attend our luncheons. Our group is comprised of staff members who worked with Carol, who laughed with her, who shared time and space with her, who commiserated with her, who talked about kids with her, who sat in meetings with her (for me....oh, so many IEP meetings), discussed life with her, prayed with her and prayed for her. Please accept this donation to the foundation so that it may grow and be used for all sorts of wonderful missions in Carol's name.

On a more personal note.....I will always remember Carol's sense of humor, her laugh, her ever present smile, her off the wall ideas, her love of and caring for children and what she did to help them, her love of life and the way she talked, with constant love and support, about her own family. And believe it or not, I still remember the day in 1995 when I first had an opportunity to spend some "getting to know you" time with Carol. It was the October In-Service day and we had lunch at Golden Oaks. It was the same day one of my best friends from high school became a grandmother for the first time. To me it was a signal of two new beginnings.....a new baby's life and a new friendship in the workplace. Carol will be loved and remembered.....

*Peace,  
Sharon*