



You Made It Happen

Last year we asked for your donations to our 4-Wheel Drive Ambulance Fund, and again you answered, as you've done every year. Our new Mercedes Sprinter is finally off the assembly line and on its way to the paint shop. It should be in our garage later this month, ready for snow season. We can't thank you enough.

We work hard every day to keep ourselves ready to help you. We are well-equipped and well-trained. Our Advanced Life Support staff are led by experienced career paramedics, on call 24/7. We love what we do, but at times our job can be uniquely demanding—quiet hours waiting, followed by intense physical and emotional stress.

Last year we lost one of our longtime medics to injury. While pulling out the stretcher at the hospital, he fractured his back. His career is likely over. Most on-the-job injuries occur while lifting and carrying patients, mostly while moving them into or out of the ambulance. I'm asking you today to help keep this from happening again.

There's a new device on the market, called the Power-Lift-Stretcher, which raises a patient into the ambulance without us raising a finger. It costs \$25,000. That's a lot of money, but far less than the cost of a career-ending injury. Please help us. We cannot buy one without this fundraiser.

Your donations are of course tax-deductible, but more than that, your money will go directly to supporting our Paramedics, EMTs, and Drivers. Help keep us healthy and ready. Please give to this year's Save Our Backs Fund.

From all of us, thanks.

Joe Connelly, President