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Mayor Al Strathdee Town of St. Marys 2nd Floor, 175 Queen Street E. PO Box 998 St. Marys ON N4X 1B6 No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

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Dear Mayor Strathdee,

On behalf of the Stratford Perth Community Foundation and the Random Act of Kindness Day Committee, I am writing to you, in addition to the Mayor from Stratford, to request your proclamation of November 3rd, 2017 as **Random Act of Kindness Day** in St. Marys.

Since 2008, Random Act of Kindness Day has brought together Canadian communities by engaging citizens in small acts of kindness and generosity.

The message is simple; do something nice for someone and ask nothing in return other than they do something nice for someone else. Part of the beauty of the initiative is that it doesn't have to cost a cent. Holding a door open, words of thanks and encouragement, telling someone they've done a good job – these are the kinds of acts that citizens 'pay forward' on this special day.

Random Act of Kindness Day has grown to become a branded kindness initiative celebrated across the country – led by community foundations and community organizations. On November 3rd, 2017 the Stratford Perth Community Foundation will once again be joining this movement to create a more empathetic and connected community.

We believe that one act of kindness, no matter how small, has the potential to change someone's life and we would be deeply appreciative for the Town of St. Marys to join us in spreading the message of kindness on this special day. We thank you for your consideration of our request to proclaim November 3rd, 2017 as Random Act of Kindness Day in St. Marys.

Kind regards,

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